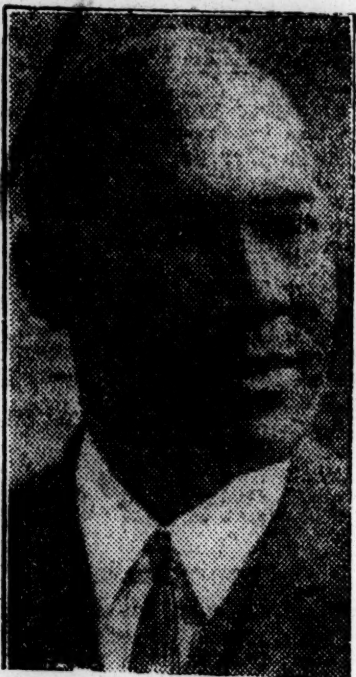


Secret Societies-1929 1,200 WOODMEN RE-ELECT THEM

American Woodmen.



E. W. D. ABNER



LAWRENCE C. LIGHTNER

DENVER, Colorado.—E. W. D. Abner was re-elected here a second time for four years, by acclamation, as supreme commander of American Woodmen, last week.

Lawrence H. Lightner was re-elected the fifth consecutive time for a period of four years, by acclamation, as supreme clerk. In this position he has rendered unbroken service since 1911.

The Philadelphia band took first prize, \$800, in the band contest; the Boley Wonders drill team took first prize, \$200, for men in the drill contest; Equestrian company, Dallas, Texas, took first prize, \$800, for women in the drill contest. The delegates number 1,200.

WOODMEN CLOSE 1929 CONVENTION

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 22.—By ANP. The seventh quadrennial session of the American Woodmen closed here Sunday. Three hundred and ninety delegates representing twenty-eight states were in attendance. More than 500 members of the Uniform Rank Department were encamped at Camp Eusan. Practically all the officers of the convention were re-elected. Dr. E. W. D. Abner was re-elected Supreme Commander.

The convention endorsed a recommendation of the Supreme Commander for the erection of a memorial and office building to cost approximately \$250,000. More than twenty-six million dollars of insurance is in force on the books of the American Woodmen, according to the records of the Supreme Clerk, L. H. Lightner.

The following prizes were awarded in the band contest: First Regiment Band, Philadelphia, \$800; First Battalion Band, Louisville, \$400; Second Battalion Band, Denison, Tex., \$200; and in the competitive drills, Boley, Okla. Wonders Co. No. 8, \$800; Co.

twenty-eight states were in attendance. More than five hundred members of the Uniform Rank Department have been encamped at Camp Eusan, where thousands of Denverites and visitors have witnessed their maneuvers and field exercises.

The report of L. H. Lightner, Supreme Clerk, Wednesday morning, showed that the assets of the organization had reached \$2,125,275.40. The convention endorsed a recommendation of the Supreme Commander, Dr. E. W. D. Abner, providing for the erection of a Memorial and office building to cost approximately \$250,000. A Memorial Commission was created by the convention to put into effect the building program.

Practically all of the officers of the convention were re-elected during the session, only a few minor changes being made. Dr. E. W. D. Abner was re-elected Monday morning immediately following his report. Tuesday, in the morning session, L. H. Lightner was also re-elected following his very comprehensive digest of the records in his department.

More than twenty-six million dollars of insurance is in force on the books of the American Woodmen, according to the records of the Supreme Clerk. A new schedule of rates, slightly lower than the rates now in use, was presented to the convention by the actuary and was adopted by the Quadrennial session. The convention also adopted rules and regulations that will give a closer checkup on the work of supervision of the local camp work over the U. S.

Woodmen Report At Denver Session Show Progress

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CONVENTION OF MOSES TO CONVENT HERE NEXT WEEK

Public Session To Be Held
At Plymouth Congregational Church
10-11-29

Several thousand delegates and visitors from all parts of the country are expected to meet in Washington during the sixty-second annual convention of the Ancient United Order of Moses, which meets here for four days, beginning October 15. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the reception and entertainment of the delegates from out-of-town. From 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, October 15, when the convention will be opened by Solomon Bond, of Baltimore, Md., grand master of the order, until the following Friday evening, the visitors will be engaged in a whirl of official and social activities which it is expected will occupy every minute of their time.

Public Session Tuesday

Following the appointment of committees and seating of delegates, Tuesday's program will include a public session to be held at People's Congregational Church at 2:30 p.m. Speakers of note, including Garnett C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent of schools, Mrs. Sallie M. Stockton, representing fraternal orders of the District of Columbia; Dr. George H. Richardson, member of the Citizens' Advisory Council; F. Morris Murray, representing Washington's business interests, and other prominent citizens, will address the gathering. Rev. J. F. Elms, pastor of the church, will deliver the welcome address. The evening will witness a conferral of the Nile House of Princess, the highest degree of the order, with a banquet following at the People's Congregational Church.

Business Session

A regular business session will be held at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday.

October 16, and at 7 p.m., on the same day a uniformed street parade of the uniformed departments will take place. Following regular sessions of the convention Thursday, a public reception and dance will be held in the main auditorium of the Pythian Temple. The sessions will conclude on Friday, at which time the place of the sixty-third convention will be selected. General Gordon Calloway heads the local committee of arrangements.

15,000 MOSES; 6,000
IN WASHINGTON ALONE

Order Ends Fifty-Second Annual Convention in Capital City.

HAD GOOD YEAR

Reports Show \$27,000 Cash;
\$168,000 Real Estate.

WASHINGTON, D.C., (CNS)—The Right Worthy National Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Moses held its fifty-second annual convention in this city September 17 to 20, inclusive at the Pythian Temple, 12th and I streets, northwest. 9-28-29

Welcome addresses on behalf of the churches of the city were made at the opening session Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. R. W. S. Thomas, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church. U. J. Banks, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the District of Columbia, spoke on behalf of the fraternal organizations of the city. Responses were made by Herbert M. Fossley and Alberta Jacobs.

Speakers

Others participating in the program were: the Rev. Alexander Willbanks; W. H. C. Brown, president of the Industrial Bank; A. T. Johnson, grand master of Virginia; G. M. Fisher, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Beulah Green, Lucy Fitzhugh, Martha Davis, Anne Munerlyn, Goldie Robb and C. C. Carter, supreme grand master.

15,000 in Order

Reports of the several lodges representing North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut and the District of Columbia, showed a gain of 6,075 adult members and 1,250 juvenile members since the last convention, bringing the total number of members of the order up to 15,000. Six thousand of these are located in the District of Columbia.

Real Estate

The treasurer's report shows the

order to be in sound financial condition with a cash balance of \$27,754 and real estate valued at \$163,610.

Re-elected

The report of the supreme grand master, C. C. Carter, was received with great enthusiasm. He was re-elected Friday afternoon by acclamation. The other officers elected for the ensuing year were: grand vice-sister, Mattie Colbert; deputy grand master, Ruben Minor; grand recorder, Elmira G. Henderson; financial secretary, A. S. Pinkett; grand treasurer, Barbara Cupid; and high priest, N. Ross; grand master-at-arms, P. Lanham. A reception was given Wednesday evening by the grand marching club in honor of the grand master and the grand vice-master, Annie E. Munnerly.

Memorial Service

The Supreme Lodge held impressive memorial services Friday morning for the members of the order who have died during the past year. Past Grand Master William H. Westray, Alice Washington and Francis Washington were the principal speakers.

Ancient United Order of Moses.

RESENTMENT AGAINST 'CZAR' GROWING, BELIEF

Chicago and New York Lodges Threaten to Secede As Machine Elects Grand Exalted Ruler; 'Jimmy' Martin Says He Is Through

Continued 9-7-29

By W. ROLLO WILSON,
Staff Representative.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 5.—The J. Finley Wilson machine, thought to have at last had a monkey wrench thrown into its inner works, pounded a ponderous path over the opposition here late last week and re-elected the Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. W. to his seventh term.

The vote, taken in a secret ballot, was 750 for Wilson and 261 for Caspar Holstein of New York. "According to the law," he was beaten but he was a MAN.

The session, which saw the choosing of Wilson and the other grand lodge officers, began at 11 a. m. on Friday and did not end until 5:30 a. m. on Saturday.

Wilson won, but the constant bickerings and politics of the convention left a bad taste in the mouths of hundreds of the members and observers. Among many it was felt that he was successful not because of himself but because of the calibre and methods of Holstein and his supporters.

Martin Emerges Hero

Politics crucified one who had been a power in the convention, but when men had regained their reason that one was a hero.

Through the long sessions of the lodge there sat on the rostrum one himself. Once, when he asked the who was arrayed in the robes of grand exalted ruler to quote a remark which had passed between them and which had been broadcast earlier in the sessions, Mr. Wilson chuckled and answered: "What- ever you say it was, it was. I have won the election now." pended for insubordination, for criticizing the grand exalted ruler. That man was "Jimmy" Martin, drawing from the race for grand treasurer, and for many years exalted ruler of Fort Dearborn Lodge No. 44, Chicago.

Asked by this writer to make a statement his rejoinder was, "I have nothing to say."

Day after day he sat there, helpless and broken under the innuendo-speech was the sincere tribute of Quaker City Lodge No. 720, was does and attacks of a politically-minded despot who denied him themade an unnecessary pawn in the

game of politics.

Detroit Next Seat

Voting for place of convention had resulted in a tie and Detroit was finally selected over Indianapolis.

Other cities which had asked for the meeting in 1930 were Philadelphia, Kansas City and Boston.

The Pennsylvania delegation had responded to the plea of Magistrate Edward W. Henry and supported the Quaker City request for the convention.

Little Business Done

The sole business of the grand sessions was politics. One of Mr. Wilson's friends said:

"Finley has been too busy getting re-elected to do anything else."

Mighty Monarch Lodge No. 45 of New York and the Fort Dearborn Lodge had come into the meeting with the apparent intent of forcing Holstein on the delegates.

With one side or the other sparing for the advantage the routine of business was constantly interrupted by quarrels and arguments which at one time led to police interference.

The first indication of the battle materialized when Wilson announced the suspension of Fort Dearborn for non-payment of dues.

Arguments began as soon as the delegates entered. The men claimed they had been illegally suspended and after more than three hours of wrangling they were ordered to appear before the credentials committee and, with the exception of Martin, they were finally seated. One of the loudest talkers against Wilson up to this time had been Senator Adelbert Roberts. Wilson set the convention in an uproar with a dramatic statement that the state legislator was neither a delegate nor an alternate from Fort Dearborn.

After two days of wrangling the deadlock was broken by the convention agreeing to abide by the decision of a committee of four from each faction which should propose an order of procedure. The eight men selected were Robert R. Church, Perry W. Howard, Judge W. C. Hueston, Isaac Nutter, Congressman Oscar DePriest, Alderman Louis B. Anderson, Frank McMechen and James T. Carter.

They granted the contention of the Holstein forces for a secret ballot instead of voting by roll call. They sustained the suspension of Martin and directed that his report be filed with the grand secretary. After routine reports had been read by various chairmen and other grand lodge officers the convention went into the election.

The applause which followed his John Marquess, exalted ruler of Quaker City Lodge No. 720, was eloquent and forceful in his nomination of J. Finley Wilson. Among

those who seconded the nomination with stirring speeches were Dr. Wilson, of Atlantic City; John R. Hawkins, of Washington; Ben Smith, of Mississippi; Tom Whitecoe, of West Virginia, and Attorney Adams.

Oscar DePriest was scheduled to make the nomination speech for Holstein but was forced to leave the city by a previous engagement in Bridgeport and Louis Anderson "pinch-hit" for him. His seconds were Armond Scott, Dalmas Steele, James Carter, George Holbert and others.

James Kelly, grand secretary, was unopposed for office as were a few others. The final election results showed:

J. Finley Wilson, Washington, grand exalted ruler; Dr. S. H. George, Kentucky, esteemed leading knight; Joseph H. James, Florida, esteemed loyal knight; Henry T. Mitchell, New York, grand esteemed lecturing knight; Henry Warner, New York, treasurer; James Kelley, Alabama, grand secretary; William C. Hueston, Indiana, commissioner of education; Carey Trueheart, New Jersey, grand trustee; James T. Copper, Illinois, grand auditor.

Grand Lodge Assessments Raised
The grand lodge per capita assessment of 60 cents per year was raised to \$1.

The marching club of Quaker City Elks lodge was awarded the prize of \$100 for the best organization in the parade and the Midwest Marching Club of Kansas City was awarded the prize for bringing the greatest number of marchers the greatest distance.

Grand Ball in Convention Hall

The Elks were the first secret organization to use the ballroom of the ten million dollar Municipal Convention hall on the Boardwalk here. On Thursday night more than 12,000 people from all parts of the world flocked to that magnificent building to make merry with the brother Bills.

All the grand lodge officials were present and the city has never seen a more brilliant affair of its kind.

Of historic interest is the fact that the B. M. C. was the first organization to christen the ballroom on the Million Dollar Pier 16 years ago.

Abbie Johnson Defeats Mrs. Berry

As predicted by this writer last week, Ella G. Berry, of Chicago, was defeated for re-election as Grand Daughter Ruler by Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson of Philadelphia. Mrs. Johnson won by a margin of over 2 to 1 in the more than 600 votes cast in the Grand Temple.

Grand Lodge Members Talk Secession

Many members of Mighty Monarch and Fort Dearborn lodges, before leaving the city, were openly

predicting that their lodges would withdraw from the grand lodge. They declared that the arbitrary rulings of Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson had become so offensive that there would be no other recourse for them.

Several powerful figures in the grand sessions—and many of them supporters of Wilson—also expressed themselves as dissatisfied with some of his moves and said that the time has come to make a change. Others stated that had the proper man, in their opinion, been a candidate, they would have refused to support Mr. Wilson in the balloting here.

Unconfirmed rumors were that Wilson would not seek re-election at Detroit next year.

Ready for Battle



Finley Wilson, the "Little Napoleon" of the Elks, photographed upon his arrival in Atlantic City by a photographer of The Amsterdam News. Also shown in picture is Eugene Sorrel, State Deputy from Los Angeles.

Elks Treasurer Receives \$46,000;

Annual Scholarships Total

\$8000.00

Refusing to support Martin in an attempt to withhold the fees of the lodge from the grand lodge as a protest against the increased assessment, Fort Dearborn lodge went on record as heartily endorsing the administration and its program. Martin, who has been the czar of Fort Dearborn for years was unable to get a second when he stepped down from the chair to make his radical motion. Accounting for this apparent change of front, members of the lodge declared that they were unwilling to face a challenge at the next convention and suffer further embarrassment. Fort Dearborn lodge was suspended on a similar technicality at the Atlantic City convention.

Turnover of Funds by Former Treasurer Martin to Henry S. Warner Witnessed by Perry Howard and Finley Wilson. 10-24-29 CHICAGO, Ill.—J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, and Perry W. Howard, grand legal advisor of the order, witnessed a turnover of \$46,000 of the grand lodge funds from the former treasurer, James C. Martin of this city, to Henry S. Warner, grand treasurer of New York City. They were cordially received by local Elks, including Fort Dearborn Lodge. Knoxville, Tenn.

membership drive through which they hope to enroll thousands of new members before the next convention. They also worked out plans for increasing the finances of the order, to meet the increased expenses of the 1930 program.

At the meeting of the educational board 50 four-year scholarships, ranging between \$100 and \$250 and totalling about \$8,000 for each year, were awarded. They were paid from the \$30,000 educational fund.

En rout to Washington, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and Mr. Howard spent several days in Detroit, visiting the lodges and meeting with the state leaders of the order, who are united for the first time in many years.

Warring factions have forgotten their differences in their determination to make the 1930 convention, for which they are planning, the most successful in the history of the organization.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Howard went over the tentative plans for the convention with the officers of the host lodges and were highly pleased with the elaborate preparations which are already underway.

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DISPATCH

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COLORED "MOOSE" LODGE ENJOINED

The Supreme Lodge of the World Loyal Order of Moose, with headquarters at Anderson, Ind., and the Columbus lodge of that order, filed injunction proceedings in Franklin county courts, Thursday, to prevent the Capital City Lodge No. 8 Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose, 867 Mt. Vernon avenue, colored, from using the name "Moose."

The grand lodge of the white order, and its Columbus chapter, contend in their petition that they have exclusive rights to the use of the name "Moose." The petition states that the white order has 110 lodges in Ohio with 50,000 members. A temporary restraining order was granted.

GRAND TREASURER (AND TWO CHICAGO LODGES SUSPENDED

**James C. Martin Not Apprised of Move Until
His Arrival at Atlantic City—Injunction
Sought Against Wilson**

(Associated Negro Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 26.—Consternation prevailed when James C. Martin, the belligerent grand treasurer, arrived here from Chicago with his books and records under his arm, ready for the fray. Martin had been ordered by Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson to turn his books over to him and, according to reports, consider himself on the outside.

It seems that the letter ordering the suspension of Mr. Martin, who several days ago issued a statement charging that his records showed that the general funds of the order were in terrible shape, due to rash spending on the part of the administration, and disclosing other irregularities, arrived in Chicago after Mr. Martin had departed for the convention. Thus, he was not in position to comply with his chief's orders.

Orders Suspension of Chicago Lodges. J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., Grand Exalted Ruler of the negro, ordered the suspension of the grand lodge of Elks, for the past several years, was re-elected at the annual convention of the order, it was announced today.

The grounds for suspension were that the lodges had not paid their April taxes. The Chicagoans declare that his action is not valid, since the constitution provides that a lodge must be six months in arrears before it can be suspended.

Wilson's enemies countered by seeking an injunction against him, which they hope would prevent his serving as presiding officer. These various manoeuvres show how desperately the two factions are fighting. All officers of the Grand Lodge Sheridan Brusseaux, Chicago detective, who fired the first shots at Wilson, seems to have been sidetracked by the Holstein faction and is reported to be sulking because of what he terms inadequate compensation.

votes with 291. His nearest opponent was Henry S. Warner of New York with 193. Martin's status at this time, according to the Grand Lodge, is that of a citizen merely. He is not classed as even a member of the lodge, although he is Exalted Ruler of the Fort Dearborn Lodge of Chicago, which was under suspension during the early part of the convention but which is now in good standing. Balloting for the position is being continued.

Grand officers elected and re-elected for the coming year include: GRAND EXALTED RULER, J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C. GRAND ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT, Shelley George of Paducah, Ky. GRAND ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT, Joseph H. James of Jacksonville, Fla. GRAND ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT, Andrew Mitchell of New York City. GRAND SECRETARY, James E. Kelley of Birmingham, Ala. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, William C. Hueston of Gary, Ind. GRAND TRUSTEE, Carey Trueheart of Atlantic City. GRAND AUDITOR, James T. Cooper of Chicago.

LARGEST GATHERING IN HISTORY

By W. ROLLO WILSON
ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 29.

—With nearly 1,000 delegates in attendance here the thirtieth annual grand lodge of the I. B. P. O. Elks of the World convened on Tuesday in the Senior high school, with Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson wielding the gavel, with what promises to be an epoch-making session was set in motion. At the same hour the Grand Temple of Elks swung in on the Jersey avenue. It was but a few minutes old when Alderman Louis Anderson of Chicago started the guerilla warfare against Wilson. The report of the credentials committee had been called for and the body made only a partial report. Anderson challenged its adoption and demanded that a complete report only could be submitted a partial one being unparliamentary. Alderman Anderson was supported by Congressman Oscar DePriest of Chicago and State Senator Roberts

also of Chicago. When these men had voiced their objections Anderson moved that the report be adopted but Mr. Wilson ruled it out of order because of a previous motion to adopt. Whole-hearted support of the grand exalted ruler was shown by a vote of 781 in favor of adoption and 80 against.

Among the visitors to this first session were Dr. John R. Hawkins of Washington and Mrs. Abbie Johnson of Philadelphia, who is a candidate for grand daughter ruler. She was vociferously received by the convention.

Mrs. Johnson appeared in the parade later in the day with her own band of 35 musicians and hundreds of Abbie Johnson boosters. It is conceded among most of the delegates that she will win the position from Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson in the field to succeed herself.

Thousands Paraded

Immediately after the adoption of the report and speeches by visitors the grand lodge adjourned till Wednesday. In the afternoon more than 15,000 Elks and Daughters paraded through the principal streets of the city to the tune of a score of bands. Colorful floats and marching clubs were interspersed with the tramping thousands of "regulars." From near and far the big lodges of the order sent large delegations to take part in the fraternal demonstration. More than 10,000 visitors arrived here during the morning from Philadelphia alone.

The two Philly lodges were perhaps the largest numerically in the parade. With their three temples to add the feminine touch Quaker City No. 720 and O. V. Catto No. 20, made up practically all of the second division. The latter was led by Exalted Ruler Edward W. Henry and the Baby Lodge was guided by John Marquess, E. R.

Other lodges which received salvos of applause along the extended line of march were Monumental, of Baltimore; Manhattan, of New York; Pride of Camden and Washington, D. C. A woman's unit from Boston was a favorite winner. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, his cabinet and high city officials reviewed the marchers in front of the city hall.

On Monday night the annual oratorical contest was held and the final winner was William Harvey, 3rd, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., of Philadelphia.

George Manning, of Boston, won second position and Miss Wiseman, of Detroit, was third. The fourth place winner was Miss Evelyn Hill, of Aiken, S. C.

At this early hour there is not much chance of a "dark horse" stampeding the convention and over-

**BROOKLYN STANDARD
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PROGRESSIVE COLORED ELKS

Sunday the colored Elks laid the cornerstone of their new building on Fulton street, near Classon avenue. Every community agency for the social enjoyment and moral advancement of any portion of the population is a benefit to all. It was pleasant to note the participation in Sunday's exercises of the Exalted Ruler of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 22, B. P. O. E. Municipal Court Justice Edward A. Wynne. The co-operation of Judge Wynne emphasized the identity of the ideals and principles of the two branches of the Elks.

All who aid in the promotion of community activities do a service to Brooklyn and add to the number of institutions of which we are proud.

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Amsterdam News 9-4-29
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Course 8-31-29 Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 29.—(By A. N. P.)—Predicting that the only salvation for Negro lodges and fraternal organizations was an improvement in their methods of doing business and a placing of their benefit departments upon an adequate rate basis, R. McCants Andrews, well-known lawyer of Durham, N. C., announced here this week the formation of The Federation of Negro Fraternals.

This new body is modelled, Mr. Andrews informed interviewers, after the National Fraternal Congress, the one organized body in the white fraternal field supported by member associations. Its purpose will be to co-ordinate, improve operation, standardize management and rates and in general promote the welfare of the Negro fraternal field.

The Negro lodges in almost every state are in precarious condition, Mr. Andrews explained. "Wherever modern laws have been passed putting the lodges under the supervision of the state insurance departments, and this is true in most states, Negro fraternal organizations particularly are a sore spot." Only four Negro lodges in the entire country are said to comply with standard insurance re-

sity and afford temporary relief to worthy indigent West Indians, who through misfortune or illness are for the time being deprived of the means of earning their livelihood. Such an organization would be able to centralize relief work of the West Indian Societies, thus enlarging the scope of their activities and see that as far as possible West Indian residents in New York would take care of their own poor and unemployed, thereby taking a considerable burden from the shoulders of the American charitable institutions.

WALTER F. JAMES
Pro-Consul

Negro Fraternal Leaders to Plan Big Organization

quirements, these four being according to Mr. Andrews' report, the American Woodmen of Denver, Woodmen of Union of Hot Springs, Independent Order of St. Luke, Richmond, Va., and the Royal Knights of King David, Durham, N. C.

While in Chicago, Mr. Andrews conferred with E. J. Dunn, president of the National Fraternal Congress, a similar body among whites, and Frank W. Pearson, fraternal insurance expert.

A call for a conference similar to the ones held by white fraternals a few years ago when the famous "Mobile" and "New York" uniform laws, now effective in most states, were molded, will be called by Mr. Andrews in Washington for next October. It was pointed out that the fraternals will in no way lose their identity. The new organization, it is said, will simply aid them in improving their general status and effecting a change in their rate structure. Among those associated with Mr. Andrews are J. A. Jackson, the Department of Commerce; Karl F. Phillips, of the U. S. Labor Department; J. E. Ormes, fraternal expert of Durham, and Finley Wilson of Wash-

ington, D. C.—(By the associated Negro Press)—More than 100 leaders of Negro fraternal organizations will assemble here on Wednesday, October 30, to discuss and possibly effect what will be a Federation of Negro Fraternal Organization, according to R. McCants Andrews, Durham attorney and leader in the movement.

The origin of the movement dates from a conference with the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, during the past spring, following which conferences were held with other insurance commissioners in different parts of the country.

The proposed organization will not attempt to merge the identity of organizations now operating, but is to be a clearing house of ideas which will follow the standard lines of the National Fraternal Congress, promoting the adoption of adequate rates for the various member organizations of the federation.

Commissioners Endorse Plans

Nine insurance commissioners have given their unqualified support and endorsement to the project and have offered to co-operate in whatever way possible to effect the plans as laid before them.

Fraternal Leaders in Accord

Since the movement was started scores of fraternal leaders have approved the proposed federation and representatives of the various orders will spend one day here in the effort to effect the program as suggested. These representatives will discuss the problems of the organizations in a frank and candid manner and will seek to remedy the condition which now threatens the continuation of several organizations.

Among those who have signified that representatives will be sent to the Washington conference are: The Woodmen of Union, headquarters at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which will be represented by Hon. John L. Webb; the Masonic Templars, by Judge Scipio A. Jones, of Little Rock, Ark.; the I. B. P. O. E. of W., by J. Finley Wilson; the Working Benevolent Society, the Independent Order of St. Lukes, the Knights of Gideon, the Good Samaritans, the Royal Knights of King David, the Knights of Pythias and the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

The program for the meeting has been completed with the general subject centering on "adequate rates" and "better business methods." In addition to the representatives of the fraternal organizations several insurance experts have agreed to attend and to take part in the discussions.

N. C. FRATERNALS MUST ADOPT NEW RATES OR QUIT

Raleigh, N. C.—At a meeting called by Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, attended by the executives of the leading Negro fraternals of the State, the commissioner notified all domestic colored societies that they would be required to readjust their rates to an adequate basis, and served notice that all societies begin at once the preparation of new rates to be submitted to the department before January 1st, 1930. All Negro fraternal societies operating endowment or insurance departments and that issue benefit certificates providing for each death benefits to their members, come under the ruling promulgated by the

department.

A feature of the ruling is the fact that for the first time, a department of Insurance for one of the States has fixed rates for colored societies, based upon Negro mortality. The commissioner submitted basic minimum, standard rates designed for the compulsory use and benefit of the colored societies, and which take into consideration the high mortality experience of colored fraternals.

Ruling Made Necessary

The insurance commissioner, in presenting the attitude of the department, reviewed the legal basis for his action as he found in the fraternal laws of North Carolina. He stated that he had made repeated attempts to induce the various societies to voluntarily adjust their rates to comply with the legal minimum standards, but in spite of promise to do so, only one or two had done so. Hence, the compulsory ruling, which he explained meant that all societies must take the necessary steps to place themselves on a legal reserve basis or relinquish their charters to do insurance, and abolish their insurance or endowment departments. The basic tables submitted to the Societies for their net rates were prepared by Mr. Reeder, actuary for the department.

Executives Discuss Rates

After presentation of the rates, the fraternal executives present entered into a discussion of them. At the request of the Commissioner, J. E. Ormer, fraternal insurance expert of Durham, addressed the fraternal executives assembled, relating the experience of the Royal Knights of King David of Durham, which undertook the readjustment of its rates in 1925. Attorney R. McCants Andrews, who is organizing a Federation of Negro Fraternals was also asked by the commissioner to place before the executives assembled, his plans.

Negro fraternals represented at the meeting were, the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Knights of King David, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Gideon, Knights of King Solomon, Household of Ruth, and Good Samaritans. North Carolina has about 15 to 20 Negro domestic fraternals which are affected by the Commissioner's drastic ruling.

West Indian Societies

British Consulate General
New York. August 23, 1929

Editor of The New York Age:

There are in New York, many West Indian Societies by names of them have in the past generously adopted to each of the West Indian Islands, Bermuda and Bahamas. These societies promote the general interests of West Indians and many acts of the most beneficial charity have originated with these institutions, which in addition afford counsel and assistance to strangers upon their arrival, leading them to prosper-

ity to the benefit of the individuals and the ultimate aggrandizement of this their adopted country. These societies, however, can hardly be expected to afford relief to other than their own members although many of them have in the past generously contributed towards the serving cases when brought to their attention.

May I, therefore, through the medium of your publication, appeal to West Indians who in the past have so generously given their assistance to get together with a view to forming an organization which will cater to individual cases of adver-

UNHEALTHY FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

Carver *11/9/29*
THE speeches of the various delegates to the conference of Negro fraternal societies in Washington, D. C., on October 30, hinged around the extremely unhealthy financial condition of many of these organizations. It was brought out in the discussion that most fraternal societies are operating under inadequate insurance rates that are becoming an increasingly intolerable burden, penalizing and driving away young members, severely draining treasuries and pushing the organizations toward inevitable bankruptcy; that too much of the money of fraternal societies is invested in unremunerative public buildings; that some of them are at least twenty years behind the times in their business methods.

When it is considered that there are at least two million members in our fraternal organizations, that at least 40 per cent of the Negro group is affected by them and that these societies have four hundred million dollars worth of insurance outstanding and in force, their value and importance in our group life is readily apparent.

It is the opinion of sound thinkers among fraternal leaders that the financial condition of these societies can be improved and brought up to date by the establishment of adequate rates based on the mortality tables used by the leading insurance companies, by the merging of many small, weak fraternal societies with larger ones, by investment of funds in safe bonds instead of office buildings and by increased interest on the part of business and professional leaders whose names appear on the rolls of membership but who fail to participate in the activities of the societies.

The meeting and frank discussion of these delegates augurs well for the future and it is to be hoped that there will be no difficulty in effecting a permanent Federation of Negro Fraternal Societies at the forthcoming meeting scheduled to be held in Richmond, Va. Federation will enable our fraternal societies to have a central office for the exchange of ideas for the securing at low pro rata expense of technical services and to meet effectively the competition of the industrial life insurance companies. In brief, co-operation will save them where non-co-operation and inefficiency have brought many of them to the brink of bankruptcy. The rank and file membership should see to it that this excellent and necessary plan is carried out as scheduled.

Secret Societies-1929

Independent Fraternal Union

Albany, Ga. Herald
Monday, November 25, 1929
INDEPENDENT

FRATERNAL UNION.

The Independent Fraternal Union, a Negro fraternal society with more than 200 lodges in Georgia, Alabama and Florida, held a successful anniversary meeting Sunday with Autumn Leaf Lodge, No. 215, here. W. M. Davis is the local worthy commander. S. S. Humbert, of Americus, Rev. Can Whittaker and Rev. B. J. Jordan, of Albany, gave interesting talks. The meeting was held to acquaint the public with the standing and accomplishments of the order. At the close of the grand lodge meeting in September the cash balance was \$36,737.39.

THE INDEPENDENT PILGRIMS UNION HOLDS CONVENTION

growth since the last session. No deaths, an increase in membership and finances.

The juvenile department entertained the grand lodge and citizens with a beautiful program of songs and recitations on Wednesday evening and Rev. W. L. Lee, of Cuthbert, Ga., preached the closing sermon to an appreciative audience.

The nineteenth annual session of the Independent Pilgrim Union of America was held in St. Luke's A. M. E. church, Eufaula, Ala., on August 27 and 28, 1929.

Delegates from every lodge in the jurisdiction were present, except two, and all gave glowing accounts of the conditions of their lodges. *Subsequent*

The welcome addresses on Tuesday night were of a very high order, being well delivered and heartily received by the delegation and the large congregation present. *9-19-29*

Miss Mary Ruth Floyd represented St. Luke A. M. E. church with one of the best and most cordial

welcomes it has been our pleasure to hear. Dr. T. V. McCoo spoke for the citizens of Eufaula. His address was masterful. Prof. F. J. Mathews, of Dawson, Ga., verily responded to the welcome address. *Account* The meeting was electrified by selections from the Glee Club of Eufaula and the Glee Club from Rocky Mount church.

Rev. F. M. Johnson, D. D., of Dawson, Ga., preached the annual sermon. It was a great sermon filled with logic accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The large congregation was made to rejoice as the great preacher talked to them out of God's word.

Prof. A. B. Cooper, president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., is the senior governor of this organization and his report showed the order in a most prosperous condition. All death claims paid and a large cash balance in bank to the credit of the order.

Alabama takes the lead in lodges and members.

The juvenils department under the direction of Mrs. McLendon Paschal, has made a substantial

The Independent Pilgrim Union of America was organized by Prof. A. J. Patterson, of Americus, Ga., and he labored unceasingly until today he has one of the most substantial and progressive organizations of its kind in this section. A growing membership and a large cash balance with no outstanding indebtedness. Professor Cooper has surrounded himself with an able, conscientious cabinet of Christian men and women. The order is destined to cover this country as the sun covers the earth. Write him for information about joining the I. P. U. of America.

Dissatisfaction Among Followers of Maggie L. Walker May Be Disastrous

Membership Corporation Declared Insolvent After Exceeding Authority by Seeking Profit, Attorney General Reports

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Asks Receiver

The corporation has a charter to operate only as a membership organization and was doing business for profit illegally, William M. Brouillard, Assistant Attorney General, said when he made his motion for the receivership.

Dr. Reed formerly had his offices in the St. Luke building and moved Feb., 1928. The counsel for the respondent charged that the physician was incensed for being allegedly dispossessed. The petitioner denied being angry and an objection by his attorney was sustained.

Order Of St. Luke Holds Convention

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 22.—The sixth biennial and sixty-second annual convention of the Order of St. Luke opened its session Monday at the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The first day was given over to the business of the Juvenile Department and the matrons conferred on the reports of R. W. G. Matron, Mrs. Maggie Walker and R. W. G. Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Emmeline Johnson. R. W. G. Deputy Patron J. S. Savage of New York City, presided. R. W. G. Deputy Patron Savage also gave the biennial address.

Tuesday night, R. W. G. Secretary-Treasurer Maggie L. Walker and R. W. Chief Elizabeth B. White delivered their annual addresses. Rev. J. T. Hill delivered the annual sermon.

An informal reception was given at the club home of the Council of Colored Women Wednesday night.

The meeting was scheduled to come to a close Thursday morning with election of officers.

NEW YORK ST. LUKE IN HAND OF A RECEIVER

Controlled Property In Harlem Worth \$300,000

RESTAURANT, CLUB APARTMENT BOUGHT

Action Does Not Affect Grand Council Of Order

Secret Societies-1929
Good Samaritans
Take New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 29.—
The eighth biennial session of the
International Order of Good Sama-
ritans and Daughters of Samaria
opened Monday at the Mark's Bap-
tist Church. Delegates were in at-
tendance from Cuba, Central Ameri-
ca, Panama and all parts of the
United States.

The Eureka Grand Lodge of
Louisiana, No. 27, of which I. H.
Perkins of New Orleans, is grand
chief is host of the session.

Daily business sessions are held at
St. Mark's church. Thanksgiving ser-
vice was held at the People's M. E.
Church Tuesday.

Memorial services were held at
the old Baptist Church Wednesday.
A parade is scheduled for Thursday
afternoon and a banquet for Thurs-
day night at the roof garden of the Py-
thian Temple. Election of officers
will be held Friday.

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KNIGHTS AND LA-
DIES OF HONOR
OF AMERICA

The Supreme Club of the Knights
and Ladies of Honor of America met
last Sunday afternoon. The meeting
was opened by Grand Dictator, R. L.
Mabry as the president was late. One
of the interesting features of the eve-
ning was echoes from Tuscaloosa. All
who were fortunate enough to go ex-
pressed themselves as having had a
wonderful trip.

Mr. Brewer made an interesting talk
on "Mother," many good things were
said. Mr. P. F. Clarke, in his own
way spoke on fraternal lines, which
was instructive and interesting.

Sir W. M. Webb introduced the
speaker of the hour, Mr. Oscar W.
Adams, who spoke to us, using for his
subject, "The Possibilities of Frater-
nal Organizations in the State." Each
one left the hall greatly benefited, and
hoping the time will soon come when
we shall listen to such wholesome
thoughts as Mr. Adams gave. He con-
vinced his hearers that he was very
much impressed with our organiza-
tion, and to prove it, he has cast his
lot with us. We want Mr. Adams to
know we are indeed glad to have him
and through him we are expecting
others.

Lady Bettie Wright and Sir W. M.
Webb, Protector and Secretary of Mil-
dred's Pride of Brighton, expect to see
the Birmingham District well repre-
sented Sunday afternoon, as their an-
nual sermon will be preached at this
time. Let us go out and help them
for they are always willing and ready
to come to our relief.

Knights and Ladies of Honor of America.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Meets in Waycross

Dull Session—Adjourns Without Anywhere to Meet in 1930— Old Officers Reelected— Savannah Purchase Ratified—Budget 1929-30 Exceeds Income—Behind With Death Claims—Reid's Steam Roller in Evidence.

The Fortieth session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Georgia met in Waycross last week, and will be remembered as a meeting of many disappointments and sad recollections. But little was done to be proud of, and much to regret. The 1928 budget was \$23,970.00, the income was \$21,146.00—\$2,524.00 more than the income for the year, and the only reason the officers got by with it, was because the Pythian year cannot exceed \$21,000.00, as we have 21,000 taxable members, but the Committee on Law and Supervision fixed the budget for the year at \$21,131.00 in excess of our revenue. The Committee made order is the annual loss of members and income. These conditions do not seem to interest the officers at all. Noth- ing seems to disturb their equilibrium, except their salaries. They give no thought of where the money is to come from to pay their salaries; they just want them as big as possible whether the Order is able to pay or not. Not one idea of how the Grand Lodge might economize or retrench to save a dollar came from any officer. The only suggestion prevalent, was how can I get more.

Atlanta Independent
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Decreasing Membership.

Watch these figures; they tell a sad story. In 1927, Secretary Jones reported 28,000 members and cash of \$83,000.00; at Columbus, in 1928, 25,000 members and cash of \$3,733.00; at Waycross, 21,000 members, and cash of \$250.00. He spent \$373.00—\$123.00 more than his budget. In 1929, And, in spite of these alarming conditions, the Grand Chancellor in open meeting recommended that the budget for 1929 be the same as it was in 1928, when he knew the revenue would be at least 20 per cent less. He suggested no plan of paying the \$27,000.00 in death claims due and past due, we could not do it. It is true we have assets above our obligations, but they are frozen and we could not realize on them in a year. Current obligations due and past due:

Budget Committee.

The steam roller was much in evidence, in spite of the Grand Chancellor's continued exhortation that, this is a democratic lodge. He seemed to have borrowed the steam roller Dr. Turner used at Brunswick in 1922, which killed Hutto, and came near wrecking the Order. At Waycross the Grand Chancellor preached democracy, but kept the steam roller at high speed. Dr. Turner, whom he has denounced on many occasions, seemed to have been his floor leader and kept the steam roller well greased. The Grand Chancellor ruled early in the game that there would be no Budget Committee appointed except otherwise provided for. He meant that he had already fixed a budget committee and given them what he wanted them to pass. He denied the lodge the right to select the committee and referred he budget he had made out to his handpicked committee, a majority of which were Grand Lodge officers, serving for pay, and inclined to report favorably whatever their chief wanted them to report. The budget was made up without regard to the income with which to pay it.

Death Claims	\$27,000.00
Savannah Purchase	5,000.00
Interest—Savannah Purchase....	1,000.00
Outstanding Checks	15,000.00

Total\$48,000.00

Adjourns With Nowhere to Meet.

Not in the history of the order has the Grand Lodge been so unpopular that no city would invite it to meet with it the next time, so the Lodge adjourned without a place to meet in 1930. The matter was left in the hands of the Endowment Board to select a place. This argues bad for the present administration. The Grand Lodge left Waycross as an outcast—nobody or place would invite it to be their guest in 1930.

Too Much Macon.

The Grand Lodge is run too much in the interest of Macon. Practically every person from Macon was on the payroll. Macon does not own the Lodge, and there is no reason why everybody from there should be given an opportunity to make money.

Favoritism and Despotism.

Ring-rule is in the saddle. The same conditions are killing the Order that wrecked it under the Hutto-Turner, et al. regime. The same set of camp followers hold every important committee place every year. Why should one set of men be on the payroll as committeemen every year, if it is not ring-rule? They are put there to fix things, and get pay for it. Why should officeholders be put on the budget committee every year to fix their own salaries? Is everybody a fool in the Grand Lodge except a few preachers and a dozen camp followers?

Uniform Rank.

The Uniform Rank is the only attraction the Grand Lodge has. It is the only feature to attract young men to the Order. Yet the officers in their eagerness to keep fat salaries for themselves place our soldier boys on short rations to starve and go naked while they revel in plenty. These boys pay their own way every year, clothe themselves, and furnish band music while the officers ride, only to have the big bosses pay themselves in full, and cut the soldiers' pay in half.

The Columbus meeting gave them \$1,800.00. At Waycross their budget was cut to \$1,000.00—for 5,000 brave Sir Knights. Yet, the big chiefs complain, promise prizes and pay none.

Local Committee in a Hole.

The local committee was left in a hole. The committee has to meet the entire expenses of the sitting, give the officers free board while everybody else pays, furnish them free rides and supplies for 500 soldiers. One of the ways of meeting these expenses is to give a banquet to which everybody pays admission. The Grand Lodge is not supposed to have a meeting that night, but to yield to the wishes of their host. But, our Grand Chancellor ignored the local program, and adjourned the Lodge before the night of the banquet. The committee had gone to heavy expense for the entertainment, but the Grand Chancellor hurried the meeting through in utter disregard of the local interests. He seemed interested only in the budget committee's report. There will be other sessions when nobody will invite us, unless some regard is paid to the local interests.

No Enthusiasm.

The Order is gradually dying for the want of leadership—and active, energetic, self-sacrificing leadership that thinks more about building up the Order than fat salaries. Every officer who read a report stressed new blood, but not a single suggestion was made to put on a program to get new blood. The Lodge adjourned leaving the jurisdiction in a state of dryrot. Our officers were unlike the Masons, who recommended a slash in their salaries. No, they wanted a raise, and the devil take the widows and orphans.

Why should the local committee be called upon to feed the officers free, if the officers draw per diem to cover board and lodging? Why should everybody pay but the officers? Are they the masters and we the slaves? Ring-rule and favoritism almost destroyed the Order in 1922 and will complete the wreck in 1929-30, if the steam roller is not stopped.

The Savannah Purchase.

The Independent took the position all along that the Endowment Board had no authority to buy this property,

or any other property, and could not spend Endowment funds for any other purpose except death claims, without a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge in annual session assembled. The supreme Chancellor came along and confirmed our position in open lodge. We were right.

The Grand Lodge has confirmed the deal, and everything is O. K. But, we still blame the officers for misleading the people by telling them that they had to purchase this property to save \$35,000.00. They never did tell the people that they already had ample security to protect our interest, and surrendered it to purchase the building. They told only half truth, not the whole truth.

Mayor of Dallas Refuses to Welcome Million-Dollar Knights of Pythias Lodge, but Changes Mind After A Bit

Special to The Call

DALLAS, Tex.—This is a story of what money can do for you if you know how to use it.

It seems everybody in Texas knew that the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias and Courts of Calanthe was a million-dollar organization except Mayor J. Waddy Tate of this city. Mayor Tate was recently elected after a campaign in which he passed out hot dogs free.

It is just possible, of course, that a man who passes around hot dogs cannot visualize a million dollars, anyway.

When the Rev. W. L. Dickson, an officer of the Pythians, went to Mayor Tate's office to invite him to make an address of welcome to the forty-fifth annual session of the state grand lodge here, June 2 to 7, the good mayor said curtly:

"I won't speak to your convention; that's all there is to it."

Rude mayor; did not know that Rev. Dickson was representing an organization worth a million dollars—"no jive," either, as the street saying goes.

Avalanche of Criticism

Now, the Pythians of Texas are rather a smart crowd. They know something. So they went to the Dallas Times-Herald and bought a half-page advertisement to be run in the Sunday morning paper, telling about their lodge convention.

In this advertisement they gave a statement of their financial condition showing the order to be worth \$1,268,283.54. The statement showed also that the order had \$110,900.70 on deposit in two banks in Dallas.

Newspapers have a lot of sense—especially about money. The Times-Herald has a heap more respect for a million dollars than has Mayor Tate. So on the front page of the Sunday Times-Herald there appeared a story with a double-column bold faced heading saying "Leaders Aroused Over Tate's Slap at Negroes."

The newspaper had sent a reporter to interview leading white citizens on

the incident and everyone condemned the mayor and nearly everyone offered to welcome the lodge in his stead.

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So He Tumbled

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FLORIDA WOMAN WINS PYTHIANS BIG CONTEST

Courier 8-31-29 Pittsburgh Pa.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 29.—(By A. N. P.)—Mrs. Emma J. winners has brought to the city a group of entertainers who will perform and try by the excellence of their performance to have their winner in the national popular election for grand worthy counsellor of the Knights of Pythias which ended here Tuesday.

Second place in the Class A section was won by Mrs. Fannie Blevins, Birmingham, Ala., and third place by Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones, Augusta, Ga.

This contest, conducted to raise scholarships for boys and girls and to increase the attendance at the national convention of the Pythian Order, was begun last February 15. It was open to all the grand worthy counsellors in the Pythian realm. Fifteen out of 28 state leaders entered the contest.

The states were divided into Classes A B and C, according to the number of lodge members resident, the largest states being in the A class and the smaller in B and C.

The first, second and third prize winners in the Class B states were Mrs. Kate V. Jones, Birmingham Ala.; Mrs. J. B. Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Rose E. Hoard, E. St. Louis, Ill.

In the Class C section the winners were: Mrs. Leanna Snowden, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Leanna Townes, E. Spencer, N. C., and Mrs. Lola Mack, Bluefield, W. Va.

Votes were obtained by the state leaders by selling ballots which were furnished them by the Indianapolis entertainment committee.

The first preliminary prize in each class was: "A free trip to and from the supreme session with all expenses paid, special residential quarters at the session; private auto bearing insignia 'Most Worthy Class (A B or C) Queen,' available for continuous personal use during sessions; particular participation as queen of her class of states at the coronation ball during the session and the privilege of naming a boy or girl of her state for a \$100 scholarship."

A grand capital prize, including other scholarships, was to be awarded one of the three first prize winners in each class at a special entertainment and coronation ball to be held the final night of the con-

21st Biennial Session Of Knights Of Pythias, E. & W. H., Sets New Precedent By Political Resolution

Urges Members and N. Y. Citizens To Vote For Delany for Congress, Race Candidates and Majority Leadership in Harlem District

Bridgeport, Conn.—The 21st biennial and 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemispheres, brought to this city hundreds of the most prominent men and women in the country, who were here from August 25 to 29, meeting at the Red Men's Hall.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Walter Gay, pastor of the Messiah Baptist Church, at which time a special musical program was rendered.

The committees on credentials and appeals and grievances were named Monday morning, after which, at a public meeting, Mayor F. William Behrens delivered a cordial welcome address to the supreme lodge and supreme court. He shook hands with all present wishing them a successful session and a pleasant stay.

Respond To Mayor

Supreme Chancellor W. Ashbie Hawkins delegated to Supreme Worthy Councillor Mrs. Florena K. Owens of Baltimore the duty of responding to the mayor, which she did in an acceptable manner. The big street parade at 4 p. m. was headed by a detachment of police office and the Wheeler & Wilson Band of Bridgeport.

A reception and ball was tendered the Pythians and Calantheans at 9 p. m. by Shenandoah Lodge and Court of Calanthe.

Tuesday was given over to regular business, with a joint session at 3 o'clock to hear the officers' re-

ports. At 8 p. m., there was a lawn party to the visitors in the suburbs of Bridgeport.

At 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the annual memorial service was held, the program being arranged and presented by Supreme Worthy Councillor Owens.

Wm. H. Willis of New York, chairman of national campaign committee, spoke on progress of the 1929 drive.

At 8 o'clock, the supreme lodge and court journeyed to Greenwich, Conn., to attend a banquet and reception given by Bethcar Lodge and Lahel Court of this city.

Scholarships Provided

Reports of committees, were heard Thursday morning, with receiving and adopting resolutions; amendments to Supreme statutes; creating of the second scholarship to be known as the Wm. Grender-son Memorial in the Institute of Technology of Boston. The Henrietta Lee Memorial Scholarship now in operation for two years at Okolona Industrial Institute, Okolona, Miss., instituted at the behest of Supreme Chancellor Hawkins, with Dr. Alice McKain as chairman of the Educational

Commission. Recipient for 1928, Miss DeWitt Edgerton of Okolona, course of nursing; 1929 by Miss Barbara Hodge of Okolona, course of nursing.

Both were recommended to be worthy, and in no other way could they have availed themselves of their desire to take this course.

Nominating Committee presented slate for election which met no opposition. The following were elected and installed.

Supreme Chancellor, W. Ashby Hawkins of Baltimore, Md.

Supreme Vice-Chancellor, William H. Martin, Springfield, Mass.

Supreme Prelate, Chas. W. Cus- us, Hartford, Conn.

S. K. of R. S., and Secretary of Beneficiary, 6 years, George E. Jordan, Boston, Mass.

S. M. of Exchequer and Treasurer of Beneficiary, 6 years, William A. Heathman, Providence, R.

S. M. of A., Blain Chester, New Orleans, La.

S. I. G., John H. Lock, Philadelphia, Pa.

S. O. G., H. B. Moore, Kansas City, Mo.

Supreme Trustee, 6 years, W. H. Willis, New York.

Pythians Sets Precedent

According to law and custom, never before has this order of Pythians in any way, as a body in session, countenanced any action toward the political aspirations of any group of persons until this 21st Biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the E. & W. H.

The committee presented the following resolution that was received and adopted, becoming a part of the minutes of the Session.

Be it Resolved, that this Supreme Lodge in session, do approve and endorse the campaign of Hon. Oscar DePriest, for more Negro Congressmen in Congress.

Be it further Resolved, that we go on record as urging our members and the citizens of New York to cast a solid vote for Hubert C. Delany for Congress, and help in every way towards his election; also give their votes and support to the local race candidates for the Halls of the Assembly and the

Aldermanic Chamber and to make every effort for leadership, where they are in a majority eligible to vote.

Be it further Resolved, that we endorse the work being done in the interest and protection of the race by the N. A. A. C. P., and

SIMMONS, GREEN CLASH

Carrier
"Bury the Past and Plan
For the Future,"
Is Keynote

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug.

29.—(A. N. P.)—Out of the assemblies of the deliberative bodies of the Knights of Pythias which are gathered in this city for their golden jubilee celebration, or the twenty-fifth biennial of the order, meeting heretofore in a state capital which styles itself the "crossroads" of the nation, there seems destined to come a program of future Pythian endeavor which shall cause this great convention to be remembered through the long years as the historic "crossroads" period in the history of the order when its leaders girded themselves for an effort which meant that they must cease to rest upon the laurels earned in a half-century of activity and strike out upon a new road that would throw the strength of this great fraternal order into paths of greater racial usefulness.

The activities of the convention began Sunday when the annual sermon was preached by Bishop R. E. Jones of New Orleans at Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church.

Monday night a public reception to members of the order was held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church at which welcome addresses were made by the secretary of state and the city attorney, by Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, on behalf of the women of Indiana; by Attorney F. B. Ransom on behalf of the order, and by General charges were made but the controversy was not settled and representatives to the supreme sessions had looked forward to another conflict this year such as they witnessed in Chicago. But one week before this convention Willis of Texas died and at last Sunday's memorial services the order prayed for him.

However, it was not felt that the death of Willis was going to relieve the tension in Texas.

From out the secret sessions of the supreme lodge there have leaked reports of a titanic struggle being waged between the present administration and its foes. No sooner had the convention been called to order, it is said, than A. S. Jackson, chairman of the board of directors of Texas and secretary of the board of education for the Methodist Episcopal Church, began sorties upon the chair as a sort of test of strength. Texas is said to have taken a central spot within the supreme lodge hall from which its representatives deployed among its friends and the other delegates to test the spirit of the thing.

By the afternoon of the first day, it was freely predicted that something was going to break loose. Green had held his own in a masterly fashion at the morning session. The erudite Jackson, seeking to carve his way through these sharp edged words, found the words muffled in the blanket of the supreme chancellor's superb poise and knowledge of the law. Green is said to have been cheered repeatedly as he repulsed attack after attack.

Then came the afternoon. The opposition, so it is reported, seems to have conferred and decided that it was time to switch the burden of attack to other shoulders than Jackson's. Choice seems to have fallen to Supreme Lecturer Roscoe Conklin Simmons. The opportunity for the use of Simmons' high words and learning came early in the afternoon when it became apparent that the delegates from North Carolina were going to be denied the suffrage of the supreme lodge because of the wanton failure of the grand lodge of North Carolina to pay its supreme lodge taxes. The supreme chancellor had announced his unwillingness to admit North Carolina, stating that there were no extenuating circumstances and that the supreme lodge could not exist if it did not compel the subordinate lodges to perform in accordance with the law.

Green Is Master
Simmons sprang to the floor to lead for mercy. Not only for Arkansas, but for other delinquent states. He followed N. J. Fredericks of South Carolina who had pleaded for that commonwealth with measured words and cadences the supreme lecturer wove a spell over the delegates. He was seeking to make the supreme chancellor alter his decision. But when Simmons had finished, it is said, the supreme chancellor simply announced that the decision had been made in accordance with the law and that it would stand. Simmons was simply baffled, it is reported. In the midst of the excitement which was breaking out in spots, he arose and stated for the delegates to hear that the decision of the presiding officer might be appealed from.

Those who heard the supreme lecturer say that he did not mean to force an issue, that he merely meant to taunt Green with that threat. But the little man who is known to Pythians as their Napoleon, was in no mood to be taunted. He brought order out of pandemonium as representative after representative sought the opportunity to speak. All were forced back into their seats. And when pin-quiet had been restored the words of the supreme lecturer were thrown back into his teeth. The supreme chancellor is reported to have accepted the challenge. He set the stage himself for Simmons' appeal. But the great orator was not ready. Under Green's disdain, he wilted. In a sharp colloquy between himself and the chair the blight was placed upon him.

"I had not meant to appeal," he asserted. "Such a thought must have been born in the supreme chancellor's suspicious heart."

"No, it was not," the supreme chancellor is reported to have retorted, "it came out of your suspicious words."

The dignified representatives cheered and back into the laps of the opposition went the supreme lecturer, whipped and silenced.

The effect of that bitter encounter was to reveal the strength of the administration and the weakness of its foes and thus release the administration for attention to the real work of the lodge.

Degrees Conferred
The degree of past chancellor was conferred upon the following knights: John A. Higginbottom, W. Va.; Dr. Simpson A. Smith, W. Va.; Samuel Johnson, Ohio; Dr. H. H. Walker, Tenn.; N. A. Jenkins, S. C.; E. W. Biggs, S. C.; William Dorsey, Pa.; James A. Allen, Pa.; Harry Johnson, Simms, N. J.; James A. Harrison, Mo.; Albert M. Oliver, Mo.; Samuel J. Davis, N. Y.; George W. Hays Jr., Ohio; William Cornelius Brown, N. Y.; William Reid, Mo.; John Wesley Hair, Miss.; Dr. Belsaw, Morris Smith, Ala.; Emmett P. Wheeler, Ark.; Dr. S. A. Huff, Col.; A. Edward Robinson, Fla.; Sidney A. Jones, Ga.; Samuel M. Amos, Ill.; E. Gilbert Jones, Mich.; Ralph B. Anderson, Mich.; Samuel T. Hensley, Md.; William E. Hamilton, Md.; Ulysses Grad, Md.; Rev. Andrew J. Mitchell, La.; Ben J. Davis, Ky.; Dr. Archibald C. McIntyre, Ky.; Anna A. Porter, Ind.; Thomas L. Allen, Ill.; George A. Jones, Ind.; James Irvin Dickerson, S. C., and James Allen Reese, Cal.

According to the report of the supreme attorney, A. A. T. Watkins, the sum of \$335,000 is still due the contractor for the Pythian Temple in Chicago. A committee of 11 men with Grand Chancellor Charles B. Wickham, Oklahoma, as chairman, was appointed to devise ways and means for taking care of this debt. Other members of the committee are N. J. Reynolds, Tenn.; B. A. Blount, Ala.; W. W. Andrews, Fla.; Theodore Bond, Ark.; J. A. Brown, S. C.; T. C. Nutter, W. Va.; W. T. Reid, Ga.; A. T. Watkins, Ill.; J. A. Reese, Cal., and J. H. Buford, N. J.

It is believed that the final sessions of the supreme lodge will result in definite steps being taken to harness the influence of the order to national programs which are concerned in the problems of Negro business, education and employment. The message from the National Negro Business League was an invitation and a plea to have the entire Pythian jurisdiction to get solidly behind Negro business men and to concern itself with the position of the Negro in industry.

W. J. I. Reed on behalf of the uniform rank.

City Attorney Smiley Chambers and Secretary of State Otto Fifield welcomed the visitors officially because, as they said, Indiana was proud of its colored citizens and happy to have as visitors their friends from throughout the nation. "And we are proud of our colored citizens," continued Mr. Chambers, "because they have made themselves felt. They work, prosper, buy homes and pay taxes. And the

administration of this city is not unmindful that citizens who pay taxes are entitled to a just share of the benefits which accrue from those taxes. We try to see that our colored citizens get a just return from the investment which they make for good government."

The convention sessions proper opened Tuesday morning. They were divided into three sections.

The main section is composed of the supreme lodge whose activities are presided over by the supreme chancellor, S. W. Green. It met in the casino of the Walker building. The women's auxiliary, under Supreme Vice Chancellor E. G. Tid-rington, met in the newly opened building of the Young Women's Christian Association. The Knights of Omar, under Imperial Potentate J. L. V. Washington, held their sessions in the Pythian Temple.

Willis S. Kermish Recalled
The supreme representatives to the supreme lodge went to work with the air charged with conjecture as to what the program and the activity would be. The last Pythian convention, held in Chicago, had been enlivened by the determined effort which Texas had made to take the convention to that state and the attacks made by Texas upon S. W. Green, present supreme chancellor, in behalf of W. S. Willis, the Texas giant. There had been a number of skirmishes in the two-year period since the last convention between Supreme Chancellor Green and Grand Chancellor Willis of Texas. Charges and counter-

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COLORED KNIGHTS PYTHIAS OF STATE BUY BUILDING

Savannah, Ga., May 4.—(AP)—The grand lodge of colored Knights of Pythias of Georgia, a negro organization, bought today the Savannah Savings and Real Estate Corporation's four-story brick building at West Broad and Gaston streets, for \$110,000, the deal being the largest single real estate transaction handled by negroes in Savannah according to those interested in the deal.

The deal was made possible by action of a federal court in whose jurisdiction the property was under a receivership. The sale of the property will be of advantage to depositors of the savings company, it was declared.

K. of P. Buys Bank Bldg.

Acquire Savannah Savings
4-Story Structure

FOR SUM OF \$110,000

No Change in Present Use
of Building

One of the biggest realty deals consummated here for some time was perfected last Saturday when the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Georgia purchased the four-story office brick building at the northwest corner of West Broad and Gaston streets from the Savannah Savings and Real Estate Corporation, the purchase price being \$110,000.

The Savannah Savings Corporation ceased operation a year ago following the closing of the Wage Earners Savings bank at which time such a demand was made upon it for funds by the depositors that it was found expedient that it should be put into the hands of a receiver. At the time of the closing of the bank the Knights of Pythias are said to have had approximately \$36,000 on deposit there, for which they were secured by certain pieces of real estate owned by the bank. It is understood that these securities were given by the

Knights as the initial payment on the building, leaving a balance of approximately \$73,000 owed by them on the property.

K. OF P. MAKE HISTORY

E. W. H. PYTHIANS IN 21ST BIENNIAL SESSION — ENDORSE CAMPAIGN OF HON. OSCAR DE PRIEST FOR MORE COLORED CONGRESSMEN — URGES MEMBERS AND CITIZENS OF NEW YORK TO SUPPORT DELANEY FOR CONGRESS, AND ALL LOCAL RACE CANDIDATES — W. ASHBY HAWKINS AND FLORENA OWENS RE-ELECTED TO HEAD THE ORDER — LEAGUE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS COMMENDED

The Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres convened at Bridgeport, Conn., August 25th to 29th for their 21st Biennial Supreme Session and Forty Second Anniversary, in Red Men's Hall, beginning with religious services preached by Rev. Walter Gay, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church. A special musical program was rendered.

The Sessions
Monday morning—Committees on Creditals and Appeals and Grievances were appointed. 4 p. m., street parade. 11 a. m., Mayor F. William Behrens delivered an address of welcome, and shook hands with all present. Supreme Chancellor Hawkins gave the honor of replying to the Mayor to the Supreme Worthy Chancellor, Mrs. Florena K. Owens of Baltimore, which she did in a highly appropriate manner. At 4 p. m., street parade led by police detail, and the Wheeler and Wilson Band of Bridgeport. 9.30 p. m., reception and ball to the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court under the auspices of Shenadoah Lodge and Court of Calanthe.

Tuesday a. m., regular routine of business. 3 p. m., joint session of Lodge and Court to receive officers' reports. 8 p. m., lawn party out in the suburbs of Bridgeport. Wednesday a. m., regular routine. 4 p. m., joint memorial services for deceased Supreme Lodge and Court members since 1927. Program arranged and presented by Supreme Worthy Councilor. W. H. Willis, chairman of National Campaign Committee spoke on the progress of a 1929 membership drive. 8.30 p. m., banquet and reception at Greenwich, Conn., tendered to the S.L. and S.C. by Bethcar Lodge and Lahel Court of Greenwich, Conn.

Grandison Memorial Scholarship at Technology
Thursday—Reports of Committees, receiving and adopting resolutions; amendments to Supreme Statutes, creating of the Second Scholarship to be known as the Wm. Grandison

Memorial, in the Institute of Technology of Boston. The Henrietta Lee Memorial Scholarship now in operation for two years at Okolona Industrial Institute, Okolona, Miss., instituted at the behest of Supreme Chancellor Hawkins, Dr. Alice McKane, chairman of the Educational Commission, recipient for 1928, Miss De Witt Edgerton of Okolona, course of nursing, 1929, Miss Barbara Hodge, Okolona, course of nursing. Nominating committee presented slate for election which met no opposition. The following were elected and installed:

Hawkins Re-elected
Supreme Chancellor, W. Ashby Hawkins of Baltimore, Md.; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, William H. Martin of Springfield, Mass.; Supreme Prelate, Chas. W. Custus, Hartford, Conn.; S.K. of R. S. and Secretary of Beneficiary, 6 yrs., George E. Gordon, Boston, Mass.; S.M. of Ex. and Treasurer of Beneficiary, 6 yrs., William A. Hedelman, Providence, R. I.; S.M. of S.I.G., John H. Lock, Philadelphia, Pa.; S.O.A., H. B. Moore, Kansas City, Mo.; Supreme Trustee, 6 yrs., W. H. Willis, New York.

Political Rights Resolutions Set Precedent

The Committee on Resolutions presented a resolution that was adopted, for first time in history of the order, becoming a part of the minutes of the Session.
Be It Resolved, that this Supreme Lodge in Session, do approve and endorse the campaign of Hon. Oscar De Priest, for more Colored Congressmen in Congress.

Be It Further Resolved that we go on record as urging our members, and the citizens of New York to cast a solid vote for Hubert C. Delaney for Congress, and help in every way to wards his election; also give their votes and support to the local race candidates for the Halls of the Assembly and the Aldermanic Chamber, and to make every effort for leadership, where they are in a majority eligible to vote.

Equal Rights League and N.A.A.C.P.
Be It Further Resolved that we endorse the work being done in the interest and protection of the race by the N.A.A.C.P., and the Equal Rights League, and all other kindred civic and economic organizations.

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Knights of Pythias.

1930 Session

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Roscoe Simmons failed to move delegates sufficiently with his oratorical to secure seating of Arkansas and North Carolina delegates, who failed to participate. Delegates cheered Greene when Simmons declared he did not mean to appeal from the chair's decision.

In Walker Casino

The main section met in the casino of the Walker building. The women's auxiliary, under supreme vice-chancellor E. G. Tidlington, met in the newly opened building of the Young Women's Christian Association. The Knights of Omar, under Imperial Potentate J. L. V. Washington, held their sessions in the Pythian Temple.

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Watty Master at Arms

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Knights of Pythias Budget

Complete for Year '29-'30

Grand Chancellor's Office:

	Recommended.	Approved.	Reduction.
Salary	\$2,700.00	\$2,200.00	\$ 500.00
One clerk	720.00		
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Rent	600.00	600.00	
Telephone	120.00	120.00	
Repairs of Equipment	75.00	50.00	25.00
Postage	360.00	300.00	60.00
Totals.....	\$5,475.00	\$4,470.00	\$1,005.00

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

Salary	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$ 200.00
One clerk	900.00	800.00	100.00
Bookkeeping	60.00	60.00	
Rent	480.00	480.00	
Postage	325.00	200.00	125.00
Telephone	90.00	90.00	
Janitor	104.00	104.00	
Office supplies	50.00	50.00	
Ice	15.00		15.00
Lights	18.00	18.00	
Heat	30.00	30.00	
Sanitary supplies	15.00		15.00
Totals.....	\$4,087.00	\$3,632.00	\$ 455.00

Secretary-Treasurer of Endowment Bureau:

Salary	\$2,300.00	\$2,100.00	\$ 200.00
One clerk	900.00		
Two clerks	1,560.00	2,300.00	160.00
Rent	600.00	600.00	
Postage	600.00	475.00	125.00
Telephone	150.00	100.00	50.00
Repairs of equipment	50.00	50.00	
Sanitary supplies	24.00		24.00
Office supplies	125.00	75.00	50.00
Totals	\$6,309.00	\$5,700.00	\$ 609.00

Grand Master of Exchequer	\$ 590.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 90.00
Grand Attorney	1,080.00	900.00	180.00
Grand Medical Register	600.00	500.00	100.00
Grand Vice-Chancellor	90.00	75.00	15.00
Member of Endowment Board	90.00	75.00	15.00
Auditing	300.00	300.00	
Uniform Ranks	1,800.00	1,600.00	200.00
Printing	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Board Meetings	450.00	400.00	50.00
Grand Lodge Session	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Contingent Fund for G. C.	250.00	200.00	50.00
Premiums Bonds—Fire Insurance	179.00	179.00	
Supreme Representative	600.00	600.00	
Totals	\$24,400.00	\$21,131.00	\$3,269.00

Last year's budget

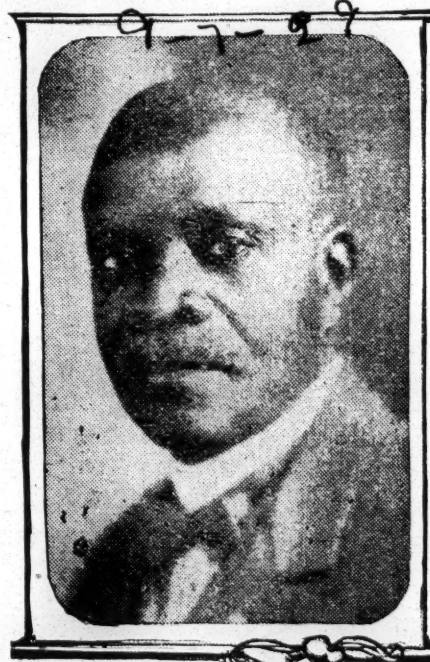
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Reduction in budget

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MR. HARRIS IS TO BE COMMENDED.

COMMISSIONER JOHN C. HARRIS deserves commendation for welcoming in behalf of the city the delegates to the annual convention of Texas Grand Lodge of Negro Knights of Pythias after Mayor Tate had refused to perform the function or to send any personal representative.

It is customary for the mayor to deliver an address of welcome at all conventions or to send a representative. Commissioner Harris has seen enough service at the city hall to realize that the negro citizens of Dallas have their own particular place in municipal life that cannot be ignored.

Former Mayor Louis Blaylock has expressed the opinion that Mayor Tate, who is a son of the South, must have misunderstood the invitation extended by the Rev. W. L. Dickson. Mr. Blaylock must be correct. It is difficult to believe that a man with Mayor Tate's reputation for democracy and liberalism would refuse to extend to the negroes a courtesy that has not been refused by any previous administration.

PYTHIANS BIENNIAL SESSION

Fight on Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, Led by "Col." Simmons, Fails to Materialize

Old Officers Are Re-elected. Florida Woman Wins Popularity Contest. Boston Gets Next Session

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE

The Associated Negro Press

The preceding paragraphs of this report tells of the 25th biennial session of the Knights of Pythias; the preliminary activities, and the opposition of Supreme lecturer Roscoe Conklin Simmons to the re-election of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green.

HERE IS THE RESULT

Those who heard the supreme lecturer say that he did not mean to force an issue, that he merely meant to taunt Green with that threat. But the little man who is known to Pythians as their Napoleon was in no mood to be taunted. He brought order out of pandemonium as representative after representative sought the opportunity to speak. All were forced back into their seats. And when pin-quiet had been restored the words of the supreme lecturer were thrown back into his teeth. The supreme chancellor is reported to have accepted the challenge. He set the stage himself for Simmons' appeal. But the great orator was not ready. Under Green's disdain, he wilted. In a sharp colloquy between himself and the chair the blight was placed upon him.

"I had not meant to appeal," he asserted. "Such a thought must have been born in the supreme chancellor's suspicious heart."

"No, it was not," The supreme chancellor is reported to have retorted, "it came out of your suspicious words."

The dignified representatives cheered and back into the laps of the opposition went the supreme lec-

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It is believed that the final sessions of the supreme lodge will result in definite steps being taken to harness the influence of the order to national programs which are concerned in the problems of Negro business, education and employment. The message from the National Negro Business League was an invitation and a plea to have the entire Pythian jurisdiction to get solidly behind Negro business men and to concern itself with the position of the Negro in industry. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune addressed the supreme lodge in a suspended session on the responsibilities which confront such an organization in the support of Negro educational institutions.

Pythians Encampment Attracts Attention

The Pythians military hosts have encamped at the state fair grounds. The location is ideal. Indiana's fair grounds are said to be the finest in the nation. Large and expensive exhibition buildings, the area presents the appearance of a modeled town in which the inhabitants have formed the habit of emerging from their homes to assemble around the dirt track enclosure to enjoy the trotting races which are held regularly.

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The tent of the commanding officer, Major General Robert R. Jackson, Chicago Alderman, was the largest and most beautiful on the grounds. It was occupied by the Major general and his wife, who accompanied him from Chicago and credit was probably due her for the touch of color here and there which enlivened the interior.

Color predominated in all the tents occupied by the women of the order, which there were many.

Daily drills were held by the infantry companies and rehearsals by the band. Tuesday night of the convention week a mardigras parade was held with torchlights, flares, horns, and all else that goes with such affairs by units of the uniform rank with General W. I. J. Reed as grand marshal.

Strict discipline was maintained in the camp throughout the week. Detachments were kept busy cleaning the grounds and the operation of the quartermaster corps, under the direction of General Robert Redd, were without hitch.

One of the interesting figures at the encampment was "Mother" O. Seames of Chicago. Mrs. Seames is a nationally known tennis player

being ranked seventh among the women players of the American Tennis Association. But the Pythian convention and the National tournament swung into action at the same time and Mrs. Seames found her place among the military rank of the order where she fed thousands of persons daily.

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Florida Woman Wins Knights Of Pythias Popularity Contest
Mrs. Emma J. Colyer, Orlando, Florida, was returned winner in the national popular election for grand worthy counsellor of Knights of Pythias which ended here Tuesday.

Second place in the class A section was won by Mrs. Fannie Blewens, Birmingham, Ala., and third place by Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones, Augusta, Ga. This contest, conducted to raise a scholarship for boys and girls, and

The states were divided into classes A, B, C, according to the number of lodge members resident, the largest states being in the A class and the smaller in B, C.

The first, second and third prize winners in the Class B. states were Mrs. Kate V. Jones, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. J. B. Reed, Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Rose E. Hoard, E. St. Louis, Ill.

In the class C section the winners were Mrs. Leanna Snowden, Lexington, Ky., Mrs. Leanna Townes, E. Spencer, N. C., and Mrs. Lola Mack, Bluefield, W. Va.

Votes were obtained by the state leaders by selling ballots which were furnished them by Indianapolis entertainment committee.

The first preliminary prize in each class was: "a free trip to and from the supreme session with all expenses paid, special residential quarters at the session; private auto bearing insignia "Most Worthy Class (A or B or C) Queen" available for continuous personal use during sessions; particular participation as queen of her class of states at the coronation ball during the session and the privilege of naming a boy or girl of her state for a \$100 scholarship.

A grand capital prize, including other scholarships, was to be awarded one of the three first prize winners in each class at special entertainment and coronation ball to be held the final night of the convention. Each of these first place winners has brought to the city a group of entertainers who will perform and try by their excellence of their performance to have their grand worthy counsellor made the capital queen.

Boston Selected As Pythian Meeting Place

Boston, Mass., will be the host of the next biennial session of the Supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias, according to the decision reached here late Thursday night, as the twenty-fifth biennial session was nearing a close.

Many cities invited the order but after considering the various phases of the question, the representative decided to hold the next meeting in Boston.

Another K. Of P. Temple



Courier 9-14-29 *Pittsburgh Pa.*
Photo shows the K. of P. Temple, located at North Senate avenue and Walnut street, Indianapolis, Ind. The temporary office of the Supreme lodge was located in this building during the recent K. of P. meeting held in the Hoosier Capital.

Secret Societies-1929

Knights of Ethiopia.

KNIGHTS OF ETHIOPIA MEET

Chicago Defender 6-18-29



Chicago Ill.

The national supreme board of the Knights of Ethiopia held their annual session in Chicago recently. The report of the meeting showed that during the current year the organization has carried on a most profitable and prosperous business. In the gathering were: Dr. Arthur W. Womack, national supreme director, St. Louis; Charles C. Diggs, treasurer; Frank Jenkins, national supreme scribe; Miss C. M. Morris, assistant supreme scribe; D. B. Fullwood, auditor; Dr. O. H. Sweet, medical director, and Attorney Dudley, legal advisor. Headquarters are in Detroit, Mich.

-Defender Photo.

Secret Societies - 1929

NEGRO SHRINERS UPHELD BY U. S. SUPREME COURT IN USE OF NAME, TITLES, REGALIAS

Injunction Granted By Texas Court Is Dissolved In Opinion Handed Down By Justice Vandevanter

Washington, D. C.—After eleven years of long-drawn out and expensive litigation, the United States Supreme Court, on June 3, handed down a decision through Justice Willis Vandevanter upholding the right of Negro Masons to the use of the name, "Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and to the use of titles, emblems and regalias similar to those used by white Shriners.

The case came up from Texas, where the white Shriners filed suit against Negro Shriners in 1918, winning an injunction from the Texas Supreme Court. This injunction is reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Order Unprotected 30 Years.

In effect, the court holds that "obvious and long-continued lapses" on the part of the white order now bars it from asserting an exclusive right as against the Negro orders. In other words, the court finds that for many years, approximately thirty, before litigation began, the white order did not take adequate steps to assert the rights.

The court fails to find the Negro order guilty of fraudulent intent. It finds that there was "much imitation, but this is shown to have been in the nature of emulation rather than false pretense."

Finds No Evidence of Fraud.

The court, in its opinion, said: "There is no evidence of a fraudulent intent on the part of the Ne-

gro order, its lodges and members, was purchased from or through members of the white order, and that in one instance a lodge of that order, preparatory to moving to new quarters, sold the paraphernalia and regalia used in the old quarters to a lodge of the Negro order in the same city.

Recalled Georgia Suits.

Justice Vandevanter recalled suits by a white lodge in Georgia in 1914 and in Arkansas a few years later.

"But these objections came too late," he said, "to overcome or weaken the force of the conduct of the white order during the thirty years preceding the earlier of the two suits. After that period of inaction and seeming acquiescence, it was too late to resuscitate the original exclusive right for which the white order is now contending."

"What we have said of the evidence demonstrates as we think, not only that there was obvious and long continued laches on the part of the white order, but also that the circumstances were such that its laches barred it from asserting an exclusive right, or seeking equitable relief, as against the Negro order."

"The effect on the Negro order of the silence and apparent acquiescence of the white order is reflected in the fact that, when this suit was brought the former had seventy-six local lodges, approximately \$600,000, which was held and used for fraternal and charitable purposes."

SHRINERS WIN BIG VICTORY IN U. S. COURT

Washington, D. C., June 7.—The United States supreme court in a decision Monday held that white Shriners in Texas could not prevent the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine from using the name and insignia of the fraternal order which the whites contended were the properties of their organization.

The white Shriners won in the lower courts. Justice Van Devanter in delivering the opinion, to which no dissent was announced, said the white Shriners by their failure failure to object within a reasonable time had lost their right to act.

Victory Far-Reaching

The Shriners have won one of the most important and far-reaching cases that has been before the United States supreme court in the last 50 years relative to the constitutional rights of our citizens. On Dec. 18, 1918, the white Texas Shriners at Houston brought an injunction suit against the other organization using a similar name and insignia, asking the court to enjoin members of the order from wearing the emblem and regalia and using the name of the Mystic Shrine.

The enjoined Shriners engaged the Chicago law firm of Dehison, Watkins & White, and Attorney James E. White, by reason of his connection with all branches of the Masonic order, was made the general counsel by the imperial council of the Shriners.

Preservation of both orders depended upon the final decision of the courts in the fight, and the fight, which had started as a local matter, quickly became of national importance in fraternal circles. Depositions were taken from the most learned men of both Masonic orders in all parts of the country. The question of the constitutional rights of our citizens to purchase in the open market regalia and other fraternal equipment and use them as freely as the white lodges became an outgrowth of the controversy.

Whites Win in Texas

In the Texas lower courts the white Shriners obtained a sweeping injunction, which not only affected the Texas enjoined Shriners but threatened to wreck the order in North America. The case was then taken by the enjoined Shriners to the Texas court of appeals, where the decision of the trial court was affirmed. The fight was then carried to the Texas supreme court by Attorneys J. E. White and S. A. T. Watkins, who were assisted by Attorney Wilford H. Smith, late of Houston. This was the first time in the history of the Texas supreme court since the reconstruction days that our attorneys appeared before the court to plead a case.

The Texas high court affirmed the decision of the lower courts, and in so doing held that white men had the right to have an organization and prevented our citizens from having a similar one. Caesar R. Blake Jr., imperial potentate of the Shriners, then ordered the lawyers to appeal to the United States supreme court. The case was argued Jan. 12 and 13, 1928, and the case was taken under advisement by the supreme court and held until Monday, when the judgment of the Texas courts was reversed.

NEGRO SHRINERS WIN AT LAW

The Shriners, the high Masons distinguished by their Arabian title and dress, have been declared rightful possessors of their name and ritual by the United States supreme court. Thus ends litigation which has taken years to come up through the courts. It is the common sense decision. During all the years that the case has been under consideration, the complaining white Shriners could show no injury except to their feelings. It is possible that a man who is dignified with the title Supreme Camel Feeder of the Over-heated Feet is offended when another, especially another of darker hue has a similar title. But so long as the Chinese wall of segregation has a zealot every brick length keeping the races apart, the white S. C. F. O. F. can know there is a black counterpart only by going out of his way to find it out.

Secret societies whether for play or for service multiply and prosper. If they supply a real human need—and they must or they would not thrive—they are as badly needed among Negroes as among whites. Instead of whites being indignant that Negroes have similar organizations, they should feel flattered at the compliment we pay them. Negroes who stoutly maintain the race's authorship of Masonry hold no grievance against whites for copying. All in all, this going to law about whose uniform, whose title, whose secret signs are whose, leaves untouched the serious problems of the world. It is in their solution that men are proved.

THE SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST WHITE MASONS

Birmingham Reporter
It has been many years since the Supreme Court has spoken so favorably and satisfactorily in a matter of interracial concern. Some years ago the white Shriners of Texas decided that Negroes should not exercise in that branch of Masonry, and sought to prohibit them through the courts of that state, and did obtain an order from the lower court barring them from using the name and paraphernalia of that organization. This ruling, of course, affected all branches of Masonry in that state and if it had been affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, would have affected Negroes in all branches and would have reached every state in the Union.

This is a wonderful victory for us; it is a fine piece of law for the United States of America, and goes a long way in deciding the question of what Negroes might exercise in and whether or not they are privileged as other citizens are to form societies and organizations for their protection and social intercourse. We should rejoice, and rejoice mightily. Decisions of this kind are encouraging; they not only help the twelve or more millions of black people in this country, but they decide a great question of social protection and liberty for all the people; they even make the agitator in the white race freer and put a limit to his power of attack upon a group where so many are thought to be helpless and without protection in the courts of our land.

White people of the South are stepping a long way off the path of justice when they seek to discourage any laudable enterprise projected by the black people of the South. The Negro has suffered much in these lands and sacrificed to a painful degree to be at peace and in harmony with his neighbors. We have yet too many men of the more forward race who are not sympathetic and who are opposed to the progress of the Negro.

In this utterance we would counsel our people to continue to express forbearance and patience. We can gain nothing by heated and unguarded utterances. In our rejoicing, and we should rejoice, let us be sober and without passion. All fraternities should rejoice in this decision because the things alleged by the complainants against the Negro Masons could as easily have been said of other institutions so largely carried on by our people but brought into existence by white people. No fraternity manned by blacks, but created by whites, could have escaped the pangs and destruction of an adverse decision from the United States Supreme Court. This decision should be seen as more than a victory for the Masons, and should be regarded as a victory for the twelve millions of Negro people throughout this country.

It will be recalled that some years ago the Pythians had a similar attack which cost much in money, time, and expense otherwise, to fight the case through the Supreme Court. It was done through the direction of that matchless fraternal order leader, Samuel W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, who did not tire or despair when many of the forces around him were weakening and the membership was discouraged; he fought on, and great was the victory of his labors.

The race needs these fraternal organizations; they are assets of untold value. They come more nearly offering the opportunity for the exercising of those practices so necessary to the fundamental development of any citizen. In them we are privileged to make contact with the poor, the high, with the trained and untrained. Through them towering business structures have been made possible, and the accumulation of much cash; but, above all and in all, the social features they offer cannot be compared by any other American institution. And, with the limited way in which the Negro is held in civic matters, matters of politics, state and national government, it is necessary that we have some forum for expression and contact. These fraternal institutions are the means of our contact and are altogether helpful in their principles and practices.

We need to rejoice over this victory, to gather ourselves in faith and confidence in the honest leadership of the race. Providence is a mighty agency in our cause, and, in our rejoicing, let us not forget the governor, the Supreme of all men and things.

NEGRO SHRINERS WIN USE OF NAME IN TEXAS LAWSUIT

Atlanta Independent
By J. W. DOBBS,

On June 3rd, the United States Supreme Court rendered a sweeping decision in favor of the Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which is the colored organization in America, with Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., as the present imperial potentate.

Justice Can DeVanter, in delivering the opinion, to which there was not a dissenting vote, said, "that the white Shriners, by their failure to object within a reasonable time, had lost their right to act."

This decision is in harmony with the opinion delivered by this same court some few years back in the famous Pythian case. The white Pythians had knowledge of the existence and operation by the colored bodies using the same insignia and regalia, yet said not a word in court for 15 or 20 years.

This decision from the United States Supreme Court, giving freedom of real worth and power, reign to the colored body to go forward with its organization was the result of a long drawn out litigation. It first began in Atlanta, Ga., shortly after the white imperial council met in Atlanta in 1914. Yaarab Temple of Atlanta, through its potentate, Forrest Adair, asked for an injunction against Rabban Temple, the colored Temple at Atlanta, with Charles Faison as potentate. Rabban Temple had been in existence for quite a number of years. The injunction was denied by Judge Bell, then presiding in Chancery Court. No appeal was made from Judge Bell's decision in the allotted time. However, Charles Faison was asked to have the decision vacated. John H. Murphy, Sr., of Baltimore, Md., was then living and serving as imperial potentate of the colored body. He came down and thought it would be for better relationship to grant the request, and did so.

Time proved that he was wrong in his judgment for the case was renewed, next time, however, in the Blue Ridge Circuit, where practically no Negroes lived, and where Judge Patterson granted the injunction. It ran through the Georgia Courts, with race prejudice being injected, and the injunction was finally upheld by the State Supreme Court of Georgia.

The colored Shriners had trouble getting good white lawyers to handle the case as directed, and the result was that when carried to the United States Supreme Court, that court refused to review the case for lack of federal questions—so ended the Georgia angle of the case and when it was seen that the case was not being properly prepared, White & Watkins, colored lawyers of Chicago, who had already handled the Pythian case, were employed. They engaged local white lawyers where needed, but were ever present and guided the future destiny of the case.

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., was the Moses who led loyal Sons of the Desert through the waters of their Red Sea. His knowledge of the order, and history as related to the darker races, was invaluable to the lawyers. His ability to organize his members and raise the necessary finances to pay for so much litigation endeared him to his followers and proved him to be a man of real worth and power. Injunctions were asked for in Florida, Arkansas and Texas. The colored Shriners won the case in both Florida and Arkansas. Texas improved to be the exception and the one to be made a test case prepared from the foundation for the United States Supreme Court. It was carried through all the courts in Texas, the injunction being upheld by the State Supreme Court of Texas. Both the White Imperial Council and the Colored Imperial Council became parties to the suit, and with all the history and evidence that either side could put into the case, they went to the United States Supreme Court, where the case was argued in January, 1928. The decision was not rendered until June 3, 1929, but it is a decision in favor of the Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to operate under the protection of the highest court in the United States.

The colored body was incorporated in the District of Columbia, in 1901, and its territory of operation includes both North and South America. The decision settles at least the right to operate in the 48 states that comprise our government and also protects the rights of a weaker race to enjoy the democracy that is granted by our Constitution.

Atlanta Independent
One Philosopher has wisely said that "The best is within the reach of all, else it is not the best." God has decreed that truth and justice will endure and live. They are eternal attributes of God himself and the only enduring things on earth.

SHRINERS WIN

Chicago Defender
The decision rendered Monday by the United States supreme court in which the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine was given the right to wear and use the Shrine paraphernalia, is another indication of the efficacy of fighting at the right time and place. Had the members of this order given up the fight when the courts of the state of Texas, where the trouble started, rendered decisions against them, the case never would have reached the United States supreme court for Monday's decision, which completely overthrows the lower rulings.

When the white Shriners in Texas decided that they owned the rights and privileges covering certain fraternal paraphernalia, the Texas lodge of the Shriners prepared to defend its rights to the paraphernalia which it had adopted. It laid its foundation so thoroughly and fought its way from one court to another so courageously and so determinedly that there was but one outcome, the victory which the supreme court granted it Monday.

Too often we give up before the fight is really begun. If there is any significance in the Shrine victory it is in the fact that even justice may be the result of a determined fight for it, but that the loser's end is the only thing that can come to the man who quits.

Supreme Court Having Trouble With The Shrine Case

Only One Other Case Has Remained So Long On Docket—

Decision Expected Monday

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Supreme Court of the United States still has under advisement awaiting decision the Shrine case which was argued more than a year ago. It is one of two cases which were argued in the 1927 term yet on the calendar. There are thirty-eight other cases awaiting decision.

The Supreme Court will reconvene next Monday. It is possible that a decision in the Shrine case may be handed down then.

The Shrine case involves the question of whether the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, white, is entitled to an injunction against the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, colored, restraining them from using the names "Shrine," "Shriners" and "Nobles" and from using the constitution and emblems of the order.

The case originated in Texas. The Texas Supreme Court upheld a decision of a lower state court enjoining colored Shriners. The Supreme Court of the United States granted them a writ of certiorari, and the case was argued in that court January 12 and 13, 1928.

The only other case that has been under advisement longer than the Shrine case is that of the Bakelite Corporation. It came before the Supreme Court on the return to a rule to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not issue to prohibit the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Court of Customs Appeals from entertaining an appeal from the findings and recommendations of the Tariff Commission. It was argued January 2 and 3, 1928.

**SEEK UNION
OF MASONIC
BODIES HERE**

**Grand Lodges in State
May Combine**

Plans to consolidate the two grand lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Illinois were launched last week by leading representatives of the two bodies in a joint meeting held Dec.

27 at the Unity club, 3140 Indiana Ave.

The get-together meeting was headed by Dr. T. J. Cuney of Mississippi, who was elected permanent chairman during the session. It was called in Chicago by Rev. Charles A. Williams, grand master in the state of South Carolina; Grand Master J. C. Heilig of Illinois, Senior Warden Bishop Snowden, Junior Warden Richard Harris, Preston Russell and other of the G. C. Williams faction.

The other separate body is the original J. G. Jones faction. The joint meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by C. T. Hamilton, M. P. S. G. C. of Pennsylvania, temporary chairman. Dr. Cuney was elected permanent chairman on a motion made by Grand Master M. H. Johnson of Ohio, seconded by Grand Master Heilig of Illinois.

Explains Object of Meeting

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. C. Charity of Illinois, deputy grand master. Dr. Cuney briefly explained the object of the meeting, asserting that it was in behalf of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons throughout the United States.

Bishop Snowden stated to the chairman that the two grand masters in the state of Illinois, he would like to know which was right. He was told by Dr. Cuney that "H. E. Davis is the only legal grand master we can accept in the jurisdiction of Illinois. Both Grand Master Davis and his alleged rival, Grand Master Heilig, were seated on the platform."

"Does a woman have the power to issue papers authorizing Masons to operate in the state of Illinois?" Mr. Snowden also asked the chairman.

He was answered by ex-President M. H. Johnson of Ohio, who stated that regardless of circumstances, no woman had the power or authority to give any faction of Masons the right to operate anywhere in the world. Preston Russell of the G. C. Williams faction then stated that he was present to assist in securing the proper papers to operate at any cost. He added that the head of his faction had renewed the incorporation papers of the United Supreme council in Washington, D. C., and that he believed Williams was the legal M. P. S. G. C.

Greed Cause of Split

Mr. Russel was informed by Chairman Cuney that C. F. Hamilton of Pennsylvania was the only legal M. P. S. G. C. in the United States of the John G. Jones affiliation. Replying to this assertion, Grand Master J. H. Campbell of Pennsylvania said

the cause of division in the ranks of the Masonic lodges was the greed for money and illegitimate leadership. He explained to the body the actions of C. L. Mitchell up to the time he was enjoined by the courts in Chicago in 1920 through Nelson H. Boozier of Texas, at that time connected with the legal John G. Jones group.

Chairman Cuney, also president of the General Grand Masonic congress, complimented the two grand masters on the spirit they showed in attempting to consolidate the two Illinois grand lodges. The following supreme and grand officers were present:

C. T. Hamilton of Pennsylvania, M. P. S. G. C.; John H. Campbell of Pennsylvania, treasurer of the United Supreme council; Grand Masters H. E. Davis of Illinois, George A. Corprew of New York, M. H. Johnson of Ohio, S. Neblett of Indiana, U. Hervey of Wisconsin, C. H. Reed of Texas, H. G. Williams of Louisiana and D. Bell of West Virginia, Deputy Grand Masters James Timmons of Indiana and H. C. Charity of Illinois; Past Grand Master T. Roberts of Illinois, and Secretary William Moody of Pennsylvania.

MEN OF THE HOUR

It was in 1913 that Walter T. Woods was elected Grand Master of the Alabama Jurisdiction of A. F. & A. M.

At that time when past due claims and deficits of various kinds amounted to \$92,000 with nothing much in sight to use in paying off and a discouraged membership that needed leadership and plans through which to make a real functioning organization, it looked awfully dark for the future of this grand order. It is like a fairy tale that now this same order has bought and paid for an \$800,000 building, increased its membership much over 200 per cent and has an accumulated surplus to guarantee its policy holders safety, promptness in meeting its obligations and won a highly respectable standing among institutions of the kind throughout the country. It took a fine sense of the need and business tact as well as expert financial advice and help to do it. But it was done. It was done because Walter T. Woods furnished the leadership, the business tact, the sense of the need and a disposition to get the financial advice and help that was necessary.

Most people do not know that this was accomplished through the aid of W. H. Carter, expert accountant and treasurer of Tuskegee Institute. It was among the first official acts of Grand Master Woods, after finding the condition of the order to obtain the services of Mr. Carter to audit the books and disclose the actual conditions. It was his fine sense of the fitness of things to obtain expert advice from some one of standing and ability. It was to the credit of his far-sighted leadership that he followed this advice, and the success of the order is attributed, in many respects, to the linking up of these two giants of talents along slightly different lines but in the same field of service.

Some years ago, Mr. Carter was called upon by the Supreme Chancellor to audit the books of the K. of P. Jurisdiction of the State of Georgia. It was this audit that discovered a deplorable condition in the financial situation of that state's Pythian Lodge. The report of the audit revealed nothing complimentary to the officers then in charge, and the fact that the general shake up that resulted cost the actual life, the graveyard death of more than one of the officers is significant as showing that the situation needed the kind of clarification which the audit inspired. Regrettable as the sad outcome of it proved to be, there was the saving of the order from the ruin that improper management imposed on it.

Just last year, Mr. Carter audited the books of the Court of Calanthe in the same state and revealed a shortage of some \$20,000 which was checked and refunded before the condition became incurably chronic.

The appointment of this same W. H. Carter to the position of receiver for the Endowment Fund of the Alabama Pythian Lodge by Judge William Walker of the Jefferson County Chancery Court was as good a selection as might have been made in view of his ability, as an expert accountant, and financier as well as his interest as a prominent member of the order whose ability and interest combine to make him the most suitable man for the place. It is also worthy of favorable comment that Tuskegee Institute shows such a splendid disposition to co-operate when that institution, through its distinguished head, Dr. R. R. Moton, agrees to the loan of Mr. Carter for the purposes of the receivership. This disposition to co-operate in matters needful for the general good of the race is praiseworthy in the extreme.

Mr. Carter is a man of character, thoroughly trained in his profession. He is treasurer of Tuskegee Institute and commands the confidence and respect of the general public as well as of those who employ him for the important duties of piloting the financial end of that great institution. If there were no need for a receivership in the Pythian Lodge, he would be an invaluable asset in the endowment department, but, as the need appears, his services there will be doubly valuable

for reasons that will prove both economical and influential.

It is most unreasonable that any one would object to his taking charge of the fund and restoring it to a healthful status as directed by the Chancery Court of Jefferson County and also the Supreme Court of the State.

Any race should be proud of a man of such character and ability and any organization like the Pythian Order would do itself proud to have his services in restoring it to a status in which its finance is guaranteed to be free from fleecing parasitism.

It is to be expected that an era of growth will follow his management of the finances of the Endowment Department and that this wanton waste of the policy holders' money will cease.

It is none too early that this should be done and the anxious policy holders will welcome it with a zest.

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**Use of Lodge Names
Is Upheld on Appeal**

**Adoption of "Shrine" Emblems
By Negro Order Sustained.**

The negro fraternal order of the "Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions" is entitled to continue the use of that name, to designate its local lodges as "temples," to designate its members as "Nobles," or "Shriners," and to use a constitution, emblems and regalia like those of the white fraternal order of "The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America," the Supreme Court held in a decision handed down on June 3.

The Supreme Court reversed the decree of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas which had held that the white order was entitled to an injunction restraining the use by the negro order of the constitution, emblems, regalia, name

and other features of the white order.

Its reversal was based on the ground that the long-continued delay on the part of the white order in bringing suit to enjoin the negro order barred it from asserting at this time an exclusive right, or from seeking equitable relief, as against the negro order.

The white order, the opinion of Mr. Justice Van Devanter explains, was organized in 1872. "The negro Masons imitatively organized a like order for like purposes in 1893," the opinion continues. "The constitution, emblems and regalia of the negro order, as also titles given to the officers of its temples and

council, were all adopted in imitation of those of the white order.

"Another feature imitatively copied was a purely fanciful claim, once put forth by the white order and afterwards discredited, to the effect that that order was an authorized extension of an ancient and illustrious order established centuries ago in Mohammedan countries."

The organization of the negro order and its use of names, titles, etc., were called to the attention of the white order as early as 1894 by its Imperial Patent, it is stated in the opinion. "On subsequent times there was similar mention of the negro order and its activities. The opinion also states that one suit to enjoin the negro order was begun in 1919 and another a few years later by lodge of the white order. "But the objection came too late to overcome or weaken the force of the conduct of the white order during the 30 years preceding the early of the two suits," the opinion holds.

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NEGRO ORDER VICTOR IN SUIT BY SHRINERS

Supreme Court Upholds Use of
Similar Name and Same
Titles and Regalia.

TEXAS COURT IS REVERSED

Long Silence by White Order as
Other Grew Is Cited in Opinion
by Van Devanter.

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, June 3.—The right of negroes of the "Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic

Shrine" to use the similar name and the titles, emblems and regalia of the white Shriners was upheld today by the Supreme Court.

The opinion, handed down by Associate Justice Van Devanter, held that the silence of white Shriners for many years barred them from restraining the negroes. The suit was begun in 1918 in a Texas State court by Shriners in Houston against the local temple of the negro order.

The Texas Supreme Court granted an injunction. In reversing the judgment Justice Van Devanter said:

"There is no evidence of a fraudulent intent on the part of the negro order or of a purpose on its part to induce any one, whether Mason or non-Mason, to believe that it was the white order or that they were parts of the same fraternity. On the contrary, it is shown that the negro order always held itself out as entirely distinct from the white order, and as open only to members of the negro Masonic fraternity. True, there was much imitation, but this is shown to have been in the nature of emulation rather than false pretense."

Pointing out that "it is established that from the beginning the white order had knowledge of the existence and imitative acts and practices of the negro order," the opinion says, the "evidence indubitably shows that with such knowledge the white order silently stood by for many years while the negro order was continuing its imitative acts and practices, and was establishing new lodges, enlarging its membership, acquiring real property in its corporate name, and investing substantial sums in the copied paraphernalia, regalia and emblems."

"It also is shown by the uncontradicted testimony of several witnesses—one a life member of the white order—that a large proportion of the copied paraphernalia, regalia, emblems and insignia used by the negro order, its lodges and members, was purchased from or through members of the white order, and that in one instance a lodge of that order, preparatory to moving to new quarters, sold the paraphernalia and regalia used in the old quarters to a lodge of the negro order in the same city."

Justice Van Devanter recalled suits by a white lodge in Georgia in 1914 and in Arkansas a few years later. "But these objections came too late," he said, "to overcome or weaken the force of the conduct of the white order during the thirty years preceding the earlier of the two suits. After that period of inaction and seeming acquiescence, it was too late to resuscitate the original exclusive right for which the white order is now contending."

"What we have said of the evidence demonstrates, as we think, not only that there was obvious and long continued laches on the part of the white order but also that the circumstances were such that its laches barred it from asserting an exclusive right, or seeking equitable relief, as against the negro order."

TENNESSEAN NASHVILLE, TENN.

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1,000 DELEGATES HERE FOR NEGRO MEETING Masonic and Eastern Star Reports Heard.

Approximately 1,000 negro delegates assembled Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Temple building, 419 Fourth avenue, north, in a joint convention of the A. F. & A. M. and the Eastern Star for a five-day meet.

The feature of the day was the annual report covering the economic, commercial and fraternal fields of the orders, which brought out the harmony of the body during the past four years, and pointed to the future's bright prospects for the order.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were heard, in which was announced the accumulation of \$30,000 in collections during the past year. Addresses of greetings were heard from Virginia, which were responded to by the Rev. H. L. Peterson. The day was concluded with an outing for the visiting delegates at Greenwood park.

The women's meeting was featured by the annual address of the grand matron, Mrs. A. C. LaPrade. At the morning session reports were heard from the secretary and also the treasurer, while the afternoon session was featured by the address of E. T. Brown, the grand patron of the order.

Clandestine Masonry To Be Stamped Out

The Supreme Councils of the fraternities of White Free and Accepted Masonry it is alleged agreed Monday to crush out clandestine masonry of both races some three or more years ago. The many arrests of both Negro and White masons and more unfortunately of Negro than of white, would suggest that the white fraternity is faithfully performing this common service for the benefit of legal masonry everywhere. In New York a colored man, claiming to be a Mason, but who was without credentials of identification, was arrested as an imposter while soliciting funds with which to relieve his necessities. He was sent to the penitentiary for three years as an imposter. It took three weeks to secure his release.

Another is now serving a shorter

sentence in the jail at Indianapolis Indiana for a similar offense. At Michigan City, Indiana, two men were convicted and sentenced to jail for an indefinite period for the offense of selling bogus masonry. The latter two were undoubtedly clandestine men, but as to the one at Indianapolis and the other in New York there was no evidence to show that either was an imposter. They were simply without credentials with which to identify themselves with their liberty by not properly equipping them? There is no reason excepting that of indifference for those whom they make masons. And an inordinate desire to enlarge their bank accounts. It is their first duty to equip those whom it has made with proper protection.

Masons Wake Up!

If two hundred Maryland Masons are shocked because they were jim crowed and refused meals en route to Baltimore from their annual session at Princess Anne, perhaps it is not a bad sign after all.

Certainly it is the first evidence of modern and youthful spirit of manhood that has come to public notice for several moons.

This ancient and honorable order, dignified and formal, has seemed to devote more of its attention to the building of a temple and the wearing of uniforms than to the quest of the rights of citizens.

If such effervescence of youth continues, Maryland need not be surprised to find the Masonic order in the forefront of the fight to have county teachers' pay equalized, of the sending of a delegation to the National Appeals at Annapolis, asking why Negroes are not called for jury service, outside of Baltimore city.

Certainly, Masons will also discover that Captain George Brown has a steamer, the "Avalon," for hire, and that as an excursion boat it has no part in Baltimore harbor.

LODGES LOSE

RIGHT TO USE

MASON NAME

Chicago Defender
Denver, Colo., July 5.—The quarrel of our lodges over the right to use names similar to that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was settled in the district court here Tuesday when Judge L. L. Cooper of Canon City issued an order restraining both from using the name.

The order was issued when the white Masonic lodge intervened in the suit. The restraining order against use of the names similar to those of the white Masonic lodge was made permanent by the judge. The two lodges involved in the litigation were the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand lodge, Free and Accepted Mason of Colorado and jurisdiction, and the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of Colorado.

WORKING ON THE BRETHREN

After his election as Grand Master, Fred W. Dabney pretended that he was all "fired up" over the existence in this state of what is known as the York Right or A. F. M. And while it is true that this organization had existed in the state for many years, yet all of a sudden it seemed to dawn upon Dabney that it must stop at once; and so with an appeal like that of a sinner and with tears almost in his eyes, he put over an assessment of a dollar a head against each member which according to the number of members amounted to about nine thousand dollars as a "defense fund." And now the thinking brethren of the craft are beginning to wonder when did Masonry in this jurisdiction become so dishonored that it is necessary to raise large sums of money to protect it. What is the matter now that since Dabney became Grand Master this time honored order cannot stand on its MERITS? Why all of this expenditure of thousands of dollars and no results? These are some of the questions that are being asked.

In the meanwhile, let us refresh the minds of those concerned about the "Big Three," Fred W. Dabney, L. A. Knox and Homer G. Philips, who made what some call a "pleasure trip" out East to see whether or not we were masons. This trip alone cost the brethren a thousand dollars. We suppose after the money was drawn from the Grand Lodge treasury, it was split three ways, that is between Dabney, Philips and Knox, and each put into his pocket three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents and "flipped" the coin to see who would get the odd cent. We presume that Dabney calls this "putting one over on the fellows."

Then, too, don't forget the grand rush into court here. The grand attorney with his aide was going to put those other fellows out of business forthwith, but nothing tangible has been done to date. Of course, suit has been filed and continued from time to time but nothing so far as results are concerned has been accomplished, except the spending of money in big attorney fees. Brethren, think on these things.

Of course, we had little or no faith in Dabney's sincerity in this matter at the time. We regard it as only a scheme to get money from the brethren—more money. The more he has the more he spends. It looks to us like trying to put one over on the fellows while they sit by "wide asleep." It is our opinion that this case will never be tried. It's a losing game and Dabney ought to know it or at least his lawyers ought to know it.

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WILLARD ALLEN HEADS SCOTTISH R. MASONS

Willard W. Allen, Grand Master of Maryland Masons, was elected Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons at the 43rd Annual Communication of the Grand See of Washington, held in Norfolk, last week. The Grand See embraces all lodges south of the Mason and Dixon line and others reaching to the Pacific coast. *11-2-29*

Succeeds Pendleton

Grand Commander Allen succeeded the late Robert L. Pendleton, of Washington, D.C. In his address he pointed out that with prejudice converging around all groups of our race, the only way out was to establish business and industry of our own. He advocated the patronage of business conducted by the group.

Baltimore Next

The next annual communication will be held in 1930 and the body will be entertained by the Hiram Consistory, of this city. In Norfolk they were entertained by the Rev. L. L. Berry, Pastor St. John A.M.E. church and a candidate for secretary of missions at the General Conference of the A.M.E. church.

The following Baltimoreans and Washingtonians hold high positions in this body: Joseph P. Evans, treasurer general, Baltimore; James T. Beacon, secretary general, Washington; Thomas H. Kiah, grand prior, Princess Anne, Md.; George T. Dupin, grand master of ceremonies, Baltimore; Charles E. Stewart, organizer, Baltimore; Elwood G. Hubert, grand librarian, Washington; James A. Jackson, director of current history, Washington; and M. M. Edwards, grand seneschal, Washington.

Present also were the following Grand Inspector Generals, deputies of states: J. R. White and John L. Webb, of Arkansas; D. D. Powell, of Florida; Dr. R. H. Butler, of Georgia; E. Baxter Whitby, of Oklahoma; W.

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SCORE ONE FOR LAWYER CHEW.

At last the cullud brudder seems to have come into his own. No less an authority than the Supreme court of the United States has solemnly declared that the Negro organization gorgeously known as the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, shall not be enjoined from using the name, titles, emblems, regalia etc., affected by the white Shriners. It appears that the white Shriners of Houston, Texas, where the colored pusson isn't very highly regarded, sought to prevent the Negro organization from such uses—and not only that, but the courts below took a view in full accord with the views of the white Shriners. The Court of Civil Appeals (which we should call here the Superior court) affirmed the decree; and that decision was sustained by the Supreme court of Texas. Then the national organization of Negro Shriners carried the case to Washington, on a writ of certiorari, with the result that the decision against the Negroes was reversed.

It appears that there has been a colored order of the Mystic Shrine ever since 1893 and that Negroes have practiced Masonry in general for more than 100 years. The claim of the colored members was that the white brethren had no exclusive right to the names, titles and so forth—that there was no copyright therein. Further it was hinted that to abrogate the customs so long established would be depriving the colored Shriners of liberty and property without due process of law. Against this the white Shriners contended that the use of their name by the colored people was misleading, was a fraudulent imitation despite the fact that the colored brethren had obtained a federal charter under an act of Congress, and that the whites were entitled to protection. The court has ruled against the white organization and upheld the right of the colored.

One suspects the fine hand of Lawyer Evans Chew in all this. The courts are by no means disposed, it appears, to limit the colored jiner to membership in the Sons and Daughters of I will Arise.

Secret Order Elated Over Court Fight

By R. C. FISHER

St. Louis, Mo., June 21.—Members of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine throughout all the country will observe Sunday, June 30, as a day of jubilee and should rejoice because of their distinct victory through a recent decision of the United States Supreme court granting them constitutional rights.

Give Praise to Allah

Caesar R. Blake Jr. of Charlotte, N. C., imperial potentate of the Order of Mystic Shrine, has asked the entire nobility of North and South American to repair to some church at an hour convenient to their subordinate organizations and have an appropriate sermon delivered and offer thanks to "Allah" for delivering them from their oppressors.

The United States supreme court has completely reversed the decision rendered against our citizens by the supreme court of Texas in their Shiner law suit in Houston. The white Shriners of Texas obtained a two edged injunction, which not only crippled the organization in that state, but it had a more evil tendency finally to entirely wreck the order in North America. The question of the rights of our folk to purchase fraternal regalia and rituals and use them as freely as the white organizations became the foundation for the long contested suit which was finally decided.

Because of their firmness of mind to endure through 11 years of battle for their fraternal privileges our citizens have won a victory that is far-reaching. Under the decree of the supreme court of Texas a member of our Race could not even wear a suit of clothes, to which a white man objected if he had a similar suit. Had the decision of the Texas high court been sustained by the United States supreme court, our group, declares Imperial Potentate Blake, could not have maintained the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist or other churches whose systems of names was the same as that of the white churches.

Will Spread Enthusiasm

In appreciation of the court decision delivered by Justice Van Devanter, every red-blooded Prince Hall Mason is asked to use his influence to the end that the fraternity on Sunday, June 30, will show to the world its determination to exist. As an attestation of their constitutional rights to wear emblems and insignia of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, each member is urged to attend the next annual meeting of the Imperial council at Chicago, August 11 to 17, where 10,000 Desert Sons will assemble.

This jubilee year, says the imperial executive of Shriners, should cause all Masons of every degree to be present in Chicago and show to men who have sacrificed their time, money and health in securing for them a right that has been pending in the courts for 11 years, their appreciation for the unselfish sacrifice they have made.

A Chicago law firm of Denison, Watkins & Smith represented the enjoined Shriners throughout the litigation and were the first attorneys of our Race in 50 years to plead a case before the Texas supreme court.

CITY GIVES GLAD HAND TO VISITORS

Inspirational Speeches
And Gay Social Events
Enliven Week

CITY IN DECORATION

Visitors See Amazing
Progress Of S. Side

Chicago's great south side, with its magnificent boulevards, its luxurious and attractive homes, its many sparkling places of amusement, its handsome churches, its beautiful parks, and its most important of all, its active and progressive citizenry, has placed all its wonders and resources at the disposal of the thousands of visitors and delegates to the thirtieth annual session of the A. E. C. of the Mystic Shrine and the triennial encampment of the Knights Templar of N. A., Prince Hall affiliation, and attendant bodies of the Masonic family, who have poured into the city and taken it by storm this week. Brilliant decorations enhance the beauty of the historic old and handsome new buildings along State street and the boulevards, and everywhere the fez is noticeably in evidence.

Session Opens Sunday

The conclave got under way Sunday when the vanguard for the visitors arrived in the city. Caesar R. Blake, imperial potentate, arrived over the Pennsylvania railroad heading a party from the east that occupied a special train of eight sleeping cars, three day coaches, an observation car and a diner. Similar trains came into the city from St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York city, Buffalo, points in New England, and from the points in the west and south.

The local committee, consisting of Wallace L. Johnson, chairman, George B. Fort, secretary, E. H. Hueston, A. A. Neal, A. G. F. Sims, Clark Buster, and others along with the members of the local lodge, were kept busy all day Sunday receiving the visitors and taking care of their needs.

Opening Session

The opening session at the National Pythian temple, 37th place and State streets, was marked by a stirring speech by Imperial Potentate Blake. Though an ardent advocate of the fun promoting features of the Shrine organization, the imperial potentate unhesitatingly pointed out that he was not unmindful of the more serious matters. He declared that the colored people of the United States must band together in a united political action if they are to preserve their rights of citizenship, and pointed to Chicago as an example of what concerted action can accomplish politically.

Urges Rights

"Masonry has never dictated to its members the exercise of their political opinion, nor am I suggesting an innovation," said Blake. "But I do stress to you that our group needs to be the patron of the political party that is willing to guarantee our citizenship rights. We need to patronize the political party which is willing to enforce the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution as well as to enforce the eighteenth amendment, for which large sums of money have been expended to enforce prohibition."

"The colored people can also advance itself by engaging in racial enterprises which will provide employment for colored boys and girls," the speaker asserted.

"There is no need of educating your boy or girl and afterward provide no means of employment for them," he declared.

Public Meeting Monday

A public meeting was held Monday morning at Wendell Phillips high school, with Oscar DePriest and Imperial Potentate Blake as the principal speakers.

Congressman DePriest in his speech touched on his experiences in Washington and the program which he expects to carry out as a member of the United States legislature. He also advised the people to get familiar with their rights under the constitution and the declaration of independence and took occasion to deny false reports circulated about to the effect that he had advocated a "Negro party," and had said that it would be possible by means of such a party to elect 100 colored congressmen. Mr. DePriest declared that he had always been a Republican and expected to remain with the party. All reforms he expected to effect, he assured his hearers, would be effected within the ranks of the Republican party. He urged the people to use their political power wisely and with a united front, and said that in those districts where they held the balance of power, they should bargain with the power in order to reap benefit for their group.

Bishop Carey Speaks

One of the welcome addresses was delivered by Bishop A. J. Carey, the noted churchman-statesman. In his speech, the bishop took occasion to declare that he was in favor of social equality and he had no patience with those who said they were not. He mentioned the insult of a prominent churchman in Washington, and his party, who were refused seats at the flag vespers services on the capital steps, for which seats the churchman held tickets. The churchman was told that the seats were for white people only.

"But the defense of that flag whose birth they were commemorating," the bishop thundered, "never in history depended on white people only."

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Here Next Week

Begin Tuesday

temple, corner of Washington Streets, except the session of well-known program for Zion Baptist Church, at which time a very interesting program will be carried out.

Features of 1940-41 include: 1. Twenty-two candidates were received to the 3rd degree, eight of whom are residents of Washington, whom are residents of Washington, as follows: Dr. William L. Cam-
Leake, John C. Overby, Isaac S. T. Peyton, Joseph H. Sampson, and
Other local men

Officers of the Grand Lodge at Tennessees, who is, well known to the members of the grand temple.

H. Pinckney, G. M.; P. L. Green, G. M.; Secretary, N. A. McQueen, G. M.; A. M., and E. L. Johnson, G. C. Secretary.

ELECTED TO HIGH

MASONIC OFFICE

Eight Local Men Elevated
To 33rd Degree
At Norfolk

Benjamin F. Arrington, past
commander-in-chief of Jonathan
Davis Consistory, No. 1, of this
city, was elected lieutenant grand
commander of the Southern Scot-
tish Rite Jurisdiction at the forty-
third annual convention of the or-

**ARABIC ORDER
OF SHRINERS
SEES VICTORY**

**This Time It Is War
With Egyptians**

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 18.—
 "Having withstood the test
 through eleven years of legal
 warfare instituted by white

The United Supreme Council 33°, Grand Orient of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction will hold its 44th session in this city next week, October 20-22 as guest of Alpha and Omega Chapter No. 8.

States supreme court last June mem-masonry, and the assembling of the bers of the Egyptian order were up-body here will bring to this city full use of the citizenship rights to the many of the highest degreed Masons. regalia of the Order of Mystic Shrine. The parade Sunday afternoon from the Injunction in Superior Court Masonic Temple to the church will be a striking feature.

the Shrine was filed in the superior at St. John's A. M. E. Church at 7:30
a session of the imperial council during the an-o'clock p. m.
of Shriners in Chicago last August day morning at 10 o'clock with W.
It was not brought to court at thew. Allen, most illustrious sovereign
insitigation of white Masons, but in-Grand commander, residing. From
stituted, according to Shrine officials, one to confer the thirty-third
by compact, clandestine Masons of and conferring the thirty-third
our own Race. 10-19-38
Caesar R. Blake Jr. Charlotte, will be the beginning of the body. Mon-
N. C., imperial potentate of the An-mortal services will be held at Bank
client Egyptian Order Noble of Mys-Street Baptist Church. An invitation
the Shrine, says: "I feel certain that is extended the public to witness these
if we were able to whip the other services.
group, will be able to whip this bob-services.
business will come before the

tail end of March. I am already routine business will come before the
preparing an answer to this rump or-council Tuesday, but at night a ban-
Organization to be used in the courts yet will be tendered the members of
of Illinois, and stand winning and the Supreme Council by Alpha and
ready to go to bat with them. Omega Consistory No. 9 and Arabia

“Certainly these spurious Masons have no proof or legitimate authority for their existence. The time has come for us to distinguish between regular, irregular, clandestine and bogus Masons,” explained Blake. The Illinois group stated in their petition that the Arabic order derived their power to set up temples and the Mystic Shrine from a patent of authority that was issued by John G. Jones of Chicago in the year 1893, alleging further that the Egyptian order is an imitation. The Ancient Egyptian Order of the Temple No. 12, A. E. A. O. N. M. B. at the Tent’s Hall on Church St.

Distinguished Visitors

Among the distinguished visitors in attendance upon the Supreme Council sessions here besides Commander Allen, of Washington, D. C., are Joseph P. Evans, Treasurer Gen. H. E. George T. Duppin, James M. Beaumont and Thos. H. Klah, of Maryland; James A. Jackson, William M. Edwards, C. A. Lee, James T. Beeson, Elwood G. Hubert and Charles E. Stewart, all of Washington, D. C.; I. M. Carper, of West Virginia; B. F. Warner of Lo-

to R. C. Fisher, imperial director of the Shrine, and according to the Shrine, a general educational program has already begun for the year 1929-30. A juvenile department is being organized and plans for a national convention at Hot Springs, Ark., for independent members are under way.

mander of King Baldwin Grand Com-mandery, Robert Burgess, marshal.

The nobles of the Mystic Shrine under the leadership of Past Illus-trious Potentate Noble David Muckle, marshal, Alpha and Omega Consistory, Sublime Princess of the Royal Secret, Illustrious Potentate W. P. Thorogood, marshal; and members of the Su-preme Council will follow in the line of march, which will be, Princess Anne 3rd., to Church St., to St. John's Church, where the divine services will be held, preceding the opening of the annual session.

The Supreme Council will be pres-

ated by illustrious W. W. Allen, M. P. S. G. C. M. and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will be represented by Prof. I. W. Taylor, of Danville, who will deliver an address Sunday night.

Local Members

Among the citizens of this vicinity who are affiliated with the Council are John W. Barnes, Portsmouth, Sovereign grand inspector general of Virginia; Frank E. Puryear, illustrious commander-in-chief, Alpha and Omega Consistory No. 9; Thorman Clark, sovereign grand inspector general A. and A. Scottish Rite; Henry Pennell Miller, of Arabia Temple No. 12, A. F. E. T. O. N. M. S.; Wendford P. Thorogood, past commander-in-chief Alpha and Omega Consistory; Dr. Alphens B. Green, noble of Arabia Temple; David R. A. Daniels, Rev. Dr. L. L. Livingston, Right worshipful senior warden of Virginia; G. H. Francis, D. D.; Thomas Tunstall, J. E. Fullerton, illustrious potentate Arabr Temple and many others.

White Shriners Hear Court Ruling

at Convention

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 12 (AP)—Varied emotions swept over the great sea of faces at the Coliseum which housed the 55th annual council of the Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine when the announcement came over the radio loud speakers that the supreme court had upheld Negro ministers' right to wear the red

One could easily tell from the expression on the faces of the various delegations which were the ones from Texas who had first issued the injunction in an attempt to bar the Negro Shriners the use of the orders' symbolical headgear. In the usual conversations with some of them from southern points, revealed that they felt bitter toward the decision, while those of some northern points smiled of unconcern.

Of the two hundred thousand porters, waiters and club car men who watched the 10,000 noblescrews of the trains that brought parade the streets and the 40,000 the avalanche of visitors, who watched the colorful pageant. A dance was held for them in and circus maximus in the Coli-Selig Park on the night of the seum, thousands were Negroes alloneing day. showing a deep interest. In addi.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY LAYS DOWN CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM HERE

(Photo on Page 3)

Pledging the Masons affiliated with the Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, "to foster the development and maintenance of Negro business in all lines," Grand Commander Willard W. Allen, of Baltimore, in his initial address to the 46th session of the council at the Tent's Hall Monday noon, laid down a new phase of constructive work for the Order.

The grand commander urged the council to use all its influence to develop Negro business "to the end that boys and girls of the race not attending schools may find opportunities for the utilization of their training and abilities when they come out; and that the Negro may round out his cycle of usefulness to his people and to the community at large by the possession and operation of business institutions commensurate with the race population and its progress in other directions." He assured the body that the grand masters of the states of the jurisdiction concurred with this and so expressed themselves at the triennial session of the International Conference of Grand Masters at Chicago last August.

Condition of Jurisdiction

Reporting on the condition of the jurisdiction, Commander Allen assured the council that virtually all departments report growth and prosperity for Scottish Rite Masonry.

Commander Allen automatically succeeded to the place at the head of Negro Scottish Rite Masonry on August 1, at the death of the late Robert R. Pendleton, of Washington, D. C., who had for seventeen years directed the destiny of the Southern Jurisdiction during the last several of which Ill. Allen had served as lieutenant sovereign grand commander. Active and honorary 33 degree Masons from twenty states representing 101 consistories, with a membership of more than 3,000, were in attendance at the council meetings.

A class of selected 32 degree sublime princes was elevated at our ceremonies Monday.

The Supreme Council opened with the divine services Sunday night at St. Johns A. M. E. Church, where Rev. L. L. Berry delivered a masonic sermon to the Supreme Council after these men had been escorted to the church by Norfolk Masons of every house, including the Daughters of Isis, Eastern Star Order, the Order of the Golden Circle, and the A. E. A. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Rev. Samuel S. Morris, Past Grand Master of Virginia, conveyed the message of welcome from the District office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce for copies of business literature and coun-

At this service Most Pussiant Sovereign Grand Commander Allen, in responding to the welcome, touched briefly upon the substance of the speech he was to deliver Monday. He diverted attention entirely from Masonry as a purely fraternal body and enthusiastically urged Negro patronage of Negro business, as well as the resort to every other legitimate means that promise the development of a substantial economic structure for the race group. He particularly urged the race to cease extravagant and foolish expenditures of both time and money, warning that it is too early yet for the group to hope to measure arms with the opposite and more advantaged race in the enjoyment of luxuries. He emphasized the necessity of Negroes confining their expenditures within or below their earnings.

The most pussiant sovereign grand commander was introduced by illustrious J. W. Barnes, sovereign grand inspector general of Virginia. Stirring music by St. John's choir was listened to with extreme delight by the visitors.

Monday Session

Monday night memorial services of Scottish Rite Masons were held at Bank Street Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Watkins, pastor.

Regular business came before the council Tuesday morning, followed by a brief executive session in the afternoon. Tuesday night a closing banquet was tendered the members of the council by Alpha and Omega Consistory No. 9, and Arabia Temple No. 12 Shriners at the Tent's Hall.

J. A. Jackson Speaks

Conforming to the announced policy of the Masonic fraternity to espouse the development of better business within the Negro group in America, as expressed in the annual address of the illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander Allen, the council selected J. A. Jackson, business specialist of the United States Department of Commerce, as one of the principal speakers at the banquet.

Mr. Jackson, himself a 33 degree Mason and an honorary grand master of the Prince Hall affiliation, said:

"If the Negro would succeed in America, he must develop commercial mindness upon a basis of profit and abandon his response to emotion for the practice of modern business methods. He must create a business community, mensurate with his religious, educational, and fraternal development, and must substitute dollar interest for the wasteful practices and slipshod methods that have too long prevailed with those who have essayed business."

He closed his talk with a description of the helps the government gives to all business in the interests of national prosperity. He directed Norfolk people from the District office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce for copies of business literature and coun-

sel on commercial problems.

Others Present

Others present in official capacity with the Supreme Council were W. W. Smith, minister of state, Charlotte, N. C.; Joseph P. Evans, treasurer general, Baltimore, Md.; James T. Beason, secretary general, Washington, D. C.; W. W. Lawrence, auditor general, New Bern, N. C.; John W. Barnes, assistant auditor general; Thomas H. Kiah, grand prior, Princess Anne, Md.; Geo. T. Duppin, grand master of ceremonies, Baltimore; Gaither Hardaway, grand almoner; Hattiesburg, Miss.; B. F. Warner, grand chamberlain, Los Angeles; H. C. Harris, grand captain of the guard, Birmingham, Ala.; C. W. Simon, first grand equery, Memphis, Tenn.; William Ware, second equery, Fredericksburg, Va.; John G. Lewis, grand standard bearer, Natchitoches, La.; C. W. A. David, grand sword bearer, Lexington, Ky.; Charles E. Stewart, grand organist, Baltimore; Lee Simms, grand herald, Norfolk, Va.; Elwood G. Hubert, grand librarian, Washington; James A. Jackson, director of current history, Washington; Wm. M. Edwards, grand seneschal, Washington.

Present also were the following grand inspector generals, deputies of states: Joel R. White and John L. Webb of Arkansas; D. D. Powell of Florida; Dr. R. H. Butler of Georgia; E. Baxter Whitby of Oklahoma; W. F. Smith of Texas. Benjamin F. Arrington, Cicero Lee of Washington, D. C., and Jesse Brown, commander in chief of the District of Columbia were also active attendants.

The local committee in charge of James E. Fulford, chairman, cooperating with Deputy John W. Barnes, including F. E. Puryear, C. in C., and David Alston, who acted as secretary, has charge of entertainment of the body.

The following persons took the 33rd degree:

Theodore R. Lawson, Rev. L. L. Berry, Wm. S. White, Leroy Fuller, Thomas Cunstall, James A. Bunch, Mack Jones, Phillip Jarvis, Robert A. Daniels, Wm. A. Cameron, Walter L. Craig, Albert Dade, Lawrence M. Leake, John C. Overby, Isaac S. T. Peyton, Joseph H. Sampson, James E. Thomas, Isaiah L. Brown, Pearl G. Hill, Maurice M. Barrett, James H. Blackwell, Joshua Robinson.

NEGRO SHRINE WINS IN SUPREME COURT

Tribunal Holds White Emblems And Ritual May Be Used By Colored

WASHINGTON, June 3.—(AP)—White Shriners lost by delay their right to challenge in the courts the use of their insignia, ritual and emblems by the negro organization known as the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic

Shrine, under a decision handed down today by the Supreme Court.

Ruling in favor of the negro organization, the court maintained the controlling question was whether the white Shriners had acquiesced so long without protest as to have lost their right to object. The opinion was read by Justice Van Devanter and no dissent was announced.

The opinion reviewed in detail the intricate features of the controversy which reached the courts in Texas where the Arabia Temple of white Shriners obtained an order prohibiting the negro Shriners throughout the United States from using their insignia, etc.

"From the beginning the white order had knowledge of the existence and imitative acts and practices of the negro order," the opinion held, adding that "the white order silently stood by for many years while the negro order was continuing its initiative acts and practices, and was establishing new lodges, enlarging its membership, acquiring real property . . . and investing substantial sums."

The Supreme Court declared the lower courts should have held that the white Shriners by delay had acquiesced, and could not maintain a suit so much later, the negro organization having been in existence since 1893 and the white Shriners not having objected in the courts until 1918.

It was not necessary under these circumstances, Justice Van Devanter said, to pass on any of its constitutional questions raised by the negro Shriners.

Colored Shriners Are Victorious

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Colored Shriners won the right to use the same, emblems and regalia, similar to those used by the white order by being victorious in a suit brought against them by a white Texas order.

The suit was begun in 1918 in a Texas court by Shriners in Houston against a local colored temple. The Texas Supreme Court granted an injunction. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States and resulted in a decision in favor of the colored order Monday when Justice Van Devanter rendering the opinion of the Court said:

"There is no evidence of a fraudulent intent on the part of the Negro order or of a purpose on its part to induce any one, whether Mason or non-Mason, to believe that it was the white order or that they were parts of the same fraternity. On the contrary, it is shown that the Negro order always held itself out as entirely distinct from the white order, and as open only to members of the Negro Masonic fraternity. True, there was much imitation, but this is shown

to have been in the nature of emulation rather than false pretense."

Pointing out that "it is established that from the beginning the white order had knowledge of the existence and imitative acts and practices of the Negro order," the opinion says, the "evidence indubitably shows that with such knowledge the white order silently stood for many years while the Negro order was continuing its imitative acts and practices, and was establishing new lodges, enlarging its membership, acquiring real property in its corporate name, and investing substantial sums in the copied paraphernalia, regalia and emblems."

"It also is shown by the uncontradicted testimony of several witnesses—one a life member of the white order—that a large proportion of the copied paraphernalia, regalia, emblems and insignia used by the negro order, its lodges and members, was purchased from or through members of the white order, and that in one instance a lodge of that order, preparatory to moving to new quarters, sold the paraphernalia and regalia used in the old quarters to a lodge of the negro order in the same city."

Justice Van Devanter recalled suits by a white lodge in Georgia in 1914 and in Arkansas a few years later.

"But these objections came too late," he said, "to overcome or weaken the force of the conduct of the white order during the thirty years preceding the earlier of the two suits. After that period of inaction and seeming acquiescence, it was too late to resuscitate the original exclusive right for which the white order is now contending."

"What we have said of the evidence demonstrates, as we think, not only that there was obvious and long continued laches on the part of the white order but also that the circumstances were such that its laches barred it from asserting an exclusive right, or seeking equitable relief, as against the negro order."

Shrine Puts Blake Again Into Office

Cite His Victory in the Supreme Court

RE-ELECT BLAKE

Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake was re-elected Wednesday by acclamation when the imperial court met. The Masonic leader was re-elected as a reward for his valiant fight to save the fraternal order from dissolution at the hands of white Masons, who waged a long battle in the courts to disband the order. The order, under the leadership of Imperial Potentate Blake, fought the white Shriners from the lowest court in Texas, where the suit was instituted, to the United States supreme court, which decided the case in favor of the defendants.

(Photos on Picture Page)

Special and regular trains brought thousands of Shriners and Masons and visitors into Chicago Saturday and Sunday, while hundreds of others came by motor to attend the thirtieth annual session of the Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the triennial convocation of the grand encampment, Knights Templar, and appendant bodies of the Masonic family.

This national convention is a jubilee celebration over the recent decision of the United States supreme court, which held that the fraternal order cannot be wiped out. White Masons fought in every court to have the name of the order, constitution, by-laws and insignia withheld from the plaintiffs. The convention headquarters is in the new national Pythian temple, 37th and State Sts., where the various branches of the order are holding their sessions.

Imperial Potentate Arrives

Fezes and vari-colored uniforms and banners engulfed the South side Sunday and they will be a common sight until Saturday, when the host departs. Caesar R. Blake Jr., imperial potentate of the Shriners, arrived Sunday on a special train of eight Pullman cars, three day coaches and an observation car and diner. This train brought 260 delegates from Charlotte, N. C., home of the imperial potentate; Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The reception committee of the Arabic temple and six Chicago com-

manderies housed thousands of the visitors. The general local committee, including Wallace Johnson, chairman; George B. Fort, secretary; E. H. Heuston, A. A. Neal, A. G. F. Sims, Clark Buster and others, worked in conjunction with the city officials in decorating the streets with the fraternal order's colors and American flags. These decorations hang over the streets for miles, under which the Shriners marched Wednesday in their grand parade and the Knights Templar Thursday under the leadership of A. R. Lee, grand master.

DePriest Speaks

The convention got under way Sunday when the Knights Templar held memorial services for their departed brothers at the Metropolitan Community church, 41st St. and South parkway. The Templars marched to the church, escorting Grand Master Lee and his staff. Similar services for the interstate conference, grand

conclave of the grand encampment, Mr. Lee, who is chief clerk in the president's office at the University of Illinois, in his annual address employed a conservative yet progressive one. He, like the majority of other speakers before the grand sessions, pleaded for business advancement among our people. The grand chapters, Order of Eastern Star, and the international conference of grand masters and grand secretaries, and the interstate grand courts, Heroines of Jericho, sessions were also held in the Pythian temple Monday afternoon. Grand Master Lee and his entire staff and the grand commandery of the state of Illinois, under the leadership of Grand Commander H. B. Cooper, reviewed 15,000 Knights Templar in their white headgear Tuesday afternoon at the Forestville playgrounds.

Delegates Hear Bishop Carey

Imperial Potentate Blake, the next speaker, stated most emphatically: "No one looking at the people on this rostrum now need have any reason for apologizing for belonging to the order to which he belongs." He decried the fact that often we are propping up the opposition to ourselves by being narrow and selfish.

Bishop Archibald J. Carey of the A. M. E. church and Chicago civil service commissioner, welcomed the Masonic family to Chicago on behalf of the clergy. Dr. Cromwell Benton of Wilmington, Del., superintendent of the state sanitarium, stated in his address that "By virtue of the U. S. supreme court decision, the Masonic order is no longer in swaddling clothes. It has taken on the duties of a man and it is time for the members of the organization to act like men and women. The members must throw away their playhouses of funnery and do something constructive for their fellow men."

Attorney Soelliel, assistant city prosecutor, speaking as the representative of Mayor William Hale Thompson, attributed Chicago's wonderful growth and progress to the fact that a cosmopolitan spirit exists here. This spirit of itself is a dynamic force that compels every citizen to do his best. "I am glad to welcome you who in time of peace as in time of war have never failed your country," J. A. "Billboard" Jackson, attachee of the domestic commerce division of the U. S. department of commerce, addressed the audience on business truths.

Major Robert R. Jackson, member of the Chicago city council and past potentate of the Arabic temple, No. 44, throughout his speech on fraternalism, stated, "It is not where you were born, or who you are that counts; it is what you are doing." Dr. William Brazier of New Orleans, La., responded to the mayoralty welcome. The opening sessions of the imperial grand court, Daughters of Isis, were held Monday afternoon at the Metropolitan Community church. An anniversary ball given in honor of the imperial grand court, Daughters of Isis, was held at Warwick hall Monday night. A grand cabaret party was also held at the Grand Terrace Gardens.

In the Monday afternoon session, Imperial Potentate Blake told his followers that they must unite together in political groups if they are to retain their rights as citizens of this nation.

A. R. Lee Presides

Tuesday's ceremonies opened when Grand Master A. R. Lee and his military staff, preceded by Chicago commandery band, marched into the Pythian temple to attend the public Knights Templar reception. Following the reception Sir Lee opened the grand encampment. Mr. Lee, who is chief clerk in the president's office at the University of Illinois, in his annual address employed a conservative yet progressive one. He, like the majority of other speakers before the grand sessions, pleaded for business advancement among our people.

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The mardi gras parade of Shriners and Masons started from the Pythian temple at 10:30 p. m. and marched to the Regal theater and Savoy ballroom on South parkway. The parade was headed by the Persian temple band from Indianapolis. Huge crowds thronged the streets along the line of march and gathered in front of the theater and ballroom. The ballroom was the scene of the grand Daughters of Isis.

A midnight show and revue by the Arabic court, No. 44, was held at the Regal theater. The sold out sign was hung out in front of the theater long before the performances started.

The Shriners held an imperial council Wednesday morning and re-elected by acclamation Caesar R. Blake as imperial potentate. At noon Shriners formed into line for many street blocks to begin their grand parade. The fraternal line of parade passed through the entire South side from 23d to 50th Sts., and from South parkway to Prairie Ave. The parade ended in the American Giants' baseball park, where prize drills were held.

Mason's.

ARABIC ORDER GOES TO COURT ON EGYPTIANS

Claim They Have No Right to Ritual

After a week of gayety, parades and other activities during their convention in Chicago consternation was thrown into the camp of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine when news reached them that a bill of injunction had been filed against them by the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through their attorney, J. Chester Kitchen.

The bill, filed under caption of "Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America vs. Caesar R. Blake, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, and all of its Officers," was presented before Walter P. Steffen, judge of the superior court of Cook county last Thursday morning.

The Arabic order, in its petition to the court, alleged that the Egyptian order had no right to use its rituals, emblems, nor to wear the regalia that they are now wearing. They set up in the petition, that these are exclusive property rights, copyrights and patent rights of the Arabic order.

Attorney S. A. T. Watkins, attorney for the Egyptian order of the Shrine, appeared before Judge Steffen on behalf of his order. Atty. Watkins told the court that they had perfect right to the use of rituals and other paraphernalia of the mystic order. Judge Steffen ordered both sides to be ready to argue on this point in September and the case was assigned to Judge Dennis Sullivan of the superior court.

Prays for Temporary Injunction

Atty. Kitchen, on behalf of the Arabic order, prayed to the court to grant a temporary injunction restraining the Egyptian order from wearing the uniforms, using the rituals and other property, which the complainants allege are their rightful property, but the court, in view of the crowded condition of the summer docket, did not review the facts set up in the bill.

The petition stated that the Arabic order derived their power to set up temples of the Mystic Shrine from a patent of authority that was issued John C. Jones of Chicago in the year 1893, by the Ancient Arabic Order of Members of the Mystic Shrine of Arabia, Asia. The petition further pointed out that this order of Asia was the only order with power or authority to grant a patent of power and that only one patent and power of authority was granted to each country. It is alleged in the bill that Jones set up temples and that the complainants are members of those temples.

They allege in their bill that any other organization that attempts to confer the degree of the Mystic Shrine is bogus and clandestine, and that these defendants (Egyptian order) are simply using the names of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in order to make the appearance, as though they are a separate and distinct order.

Egyptian Order Silent

Caesar R. Blake, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, when interviewed said that his order was safe and the suit would not interfere with the great program of the order. Mr. Blake stated that his order had just won a victory over the white Shriners, who for several years have waged an unsuccessful battle to have the Race order restricted from using the name that they now go under and from using their uniforms, rituals and other property. Mr. Blake stated that they had withstood the test then and would continue to stand the test.

Several members of the Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine interviewed by Defender reporters stated that they are not worried as to the outcome of the bill and that on Sept. 17, when the case comes up for hearing in the superior court, the public will know the true history of this order.

Among the members of the Chicago order of the Arabic Shrine are Cleveland Washington, J. C. Heilig, Preston Russell, J. B. Snowdon and Marion Reece. According to these men there are about 15,000 members of this order in America. John H. Smith of New York City is the imperial potentate. The last annual session of the order was held in Cleveland.

The Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine has grown by leaps and bounds and for 30 years they have made notable progress, and, according to Mr. Blake, imperial potentate, a general educational program has been prepared for the year 1929-30. The Egyptian order has won worldwide fame for the caliber of its members and for the program which they foster.

SUPREME COURT PATS AND KICKS US

In one breath, two recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court first pats us on the back, and then kicks us down stairs. In one case, that honorable body tells the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Masonic organization in the state of Texas, go ahead and act upon your rights, while in another case, involving the right to occupy a dwelling house which you have bought from the man who owned it, you cannot occupy that house if your white neighbors object to the presence of your kind.

We have here a clear case of race discrimination supported by the refusal to act by the highest tribunal in the land. Here in Washington, the head of the nation which called upon us to make supreme sacrifices for DEMOCRACY, we have the unprincipled and unjustified race prejudice maintained by the tribunal that presumes to interpret the Constitution.

When the Constitution was attacked in 1861, we supported the Union. When we are attacked as we have been since 1865 by "black codes" and sophistical reasoning by lower courts; by mobs and organized groups armed to deprive us of our rights as American citizens, we are not included under the general rights and privileges of that document of American liberties.

Every sane and honest man knows that the intent of the 14th and 15th amendment was to blot from the American government every hint of any difference due to race, color or previous condition of servitude. When it suits its convenience, or caters to the fears and hatreds of whites who carry their prejudices even into warring upon their own kind for reasons of differences of religious faith, the Supreme Court rested upon what is a practical restatement of the Dred Scott decision: It says that "citizenship" does not cover protection of rights such as are infringed by discrimination and segregation.

There is but one reaction to such decisions as take away rights of a decent man to choose his domicile, under the shadow of the dome of the capitol of the nation of which we are a part, have defended and do support in labor, love and loyalty:

1. We must organize to retaliate by refusing to deal with any person in such neighborhood for any employment or commodity;
2. Blacklist every one of them, everywhere;
3. We must see that no property is bought in such neighborhood, at any price, though it sell at public auction after the despicable covenants lapse;
4. We must move over into Virginia, where the state supreme court has just decided that laws discriminating against a person's right to vote, are antagonistic to a citizen's right under the Constitution.

The fact is, this nation has become a government of the people, by the people, for the people of THE SEVERAL STATES.

States' Rights rule in this country, and we must choose our state according to the certainty of its laws, the equality of its opportunities and the liberty which it guarantees.

Already we have spent too much thought on national conditions; where we should have 40 representatives in Congress, we have but one, and he from a section where we are by no means the majority group.

Those who "want to die here," go ahead; in fact you are dying here, daily, but those younger and more courageous ones who want to live in this land as you have a right to, give some thought to the meaning of the recent decisions of the supreme court:

You may imitate a name, a fraternity, an organization which

buys regalia, but you may not live on this earth if some white men agree that you shall not.

Peasants have been made by that action in every nation in the world. Are you willing to be peasants under a government which proclaims equality before the law, but grants it to white men only?

Organize! Think! Work! Fight! for the right to live completely and hopefully and freely as does any other normal man

AN IMPORTANT VICTORY

IN a recent decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court, Negro members of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, have the right to use similar name and the titles, emblems and regalia of the white Shriners. The opinion, handed down by Justice Van Devanter, held that the silence of white Shriners for many years barred them from restraining the Negroes. The suit was begun in a Texas court by white Shriners of Houston against the local temple of the Negro order.

The chief value of this decision is that it will save the Negro order a whole lot of time, money, worry and annoyance. This is very important to a race in which money has always been conspicuous by its absence, at least since its introduction on the American scene. Unless the white Shriners make some changes in their name, titles, emblems and regalia, they will have to go right on belonging to virtually the same order as the Negroes. Since both blacks and whites are American citizens, the continuance of this situation shouldn't cause the whites to lose any sleep. If the Negroes can stand it, the whites ought to be able to.

One is inevitably led to reflect, however, upon the rank imitateness and lack of originality of the Negro fraternal organizations in so slavishly copying the white societies' names, regalia, emblems, etc. There ought to have been sufficient pride and self-respect among the Negro founders of these orders to select names and paraphernalia of some significance to Negroes. In this connection one must give Marcus Garvey credit for having selected names for his various orders that really meant something to black people. The history of our race is so rich in great deeds and great names that it is painfully puzzling to find Negro fraternal organizations slavishly imitating their white oppressors. Our secret orders could do much to increase pride and self-respect among Negroes by keeping fresh in their minds the glories of Songhay, Benin and Ethiopia and the brilliant deeds of countless black heroes from Bilal and Antar to Toussaint and Cetawavo.

BLAKE HEADS SHRINERS; CHARLOTTE NEXT PLACE

CHICAGO, Aug. 29 (AP)—After pledging "full support" to a program for racial uplift and installing Caesar R. Blake Jr. of Charlotte, N. C., as imperial potentate, the 1929 Shrine Convention ended here Friday, August 16.

Charlotte, N. C., was chosen as the city for the next year's convention. Recommendations for the establishment of a shrine at Hot Springs, Ark., to care for old and indigent members of the order, and the organizing of a juvenile department of the order similar to that of the DeMolays, whites, were endorsed by the Imperial Council.

By R. C. FISHER

Plans for the establishment of a national shrine at Hot Springs, Ark., for old and indigent members and the organization of a juvenile department were among the important legislations approved by the imperial council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the close of 1929 session here last Friday. The Charlotte, N. C., home of the imperial potentate of the Shrine Order, Caesar R. Blake Jr., was chosen for next year's convention.

Spirit of Progress

A spirit of progress and constructive development characterized each session of the four days' Shrine convention. The high-minded, loyal men of Prince Hall masonry throughout the length and breadth of this country attended the sessions and sponsored every movement for fraternal and racial uplift.

In an address before the august body of desert sons, Imperial Potentate Blake referred to President Hoover's law enforcement program, declaring that there are thousands of members of the mystic order who are devoted citizens, true and loyal to the country's Constitution and laws. "Despite that fact," said Blake, "efforts to establish a wholesome respect for law and order would be of no avail until the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments of the United States Constitution are considered equally as important as the 18th amendment, for which millions of dollars is being expended for its enforcement."

Blake Talks Politics

"Masonry has never dictated to its members the exercise of their political opinion, nor am I suggesting an innovation, but I do stress to you that our group needs to be the patron of the political party that is willing to guarantee our citizenship rights. We need to patronize the political party that is as willing to enforce the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments of the United States Constitution," Blake related.

The matter of election of officers was merely routine until the office of imperial outer guard was reached, but the nominating speeches were all of a humorous tendency and the imperial council showed its appreciation by frequent bursts of laughter and applause.

SHRINERS WILL MEET IN 1930 AT CHARLOTTE
Plan National Home at Hot Springs

WOODS LEADS MASONS TO GREAT SUCCESS; MORE THAN \$300,000 HANDLED THIS YEAR

CRAFTSMEN SHOW FAITH IN THEIR LEADER—BYRD IS DEFEATED NEARLY FIVE TO ONE

GRAND LODGE GIVES ORDERS IN DIFFAY MATTER

MANY FINE RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED—SECRETARY REPORTS 915 LODGES AND NEARLY 27,000 MEMBERS

No doubt the fifty-first session of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic order of this state closed in Mobile Thursday night, July 18th, was the most interesting and encouraging session ever held by the fraternity. Monday night public exercises were held at the State Street A. M. E. Zion Church, when the main auditorium was filled to its capacity, and hundreds of spectators were seated in the gallery. Dr. T. W. Tobin was master of ceremonies for the occasion. In his opening remarks he told of the many comforts provided for the delegates and friends which was substantiated by those who delivered the welcome messages. The State Street choir furnished music; welcome on the part of the lodges was made by Dr. H. Roger Williams, and the response to this address was made by Prof. H. Council Trenholm, of Montgomery. Welcome on the part of the Eastern Star Chapters was made by Miss Gertrude Young, and the response was made by Mrs. L. H. Cox, grand lecturer of the Northern Division. Invocation by Rev. J. R. Cauthen, followed by a solo by Mrs. Sena Hayes. Dr. E. L. Belsaw introduced Mr. Cecil Bates, President of the City Commission, who extended welcome on behalf of the city and its officials. The address was interesting in that it revealed the kindly disposition of the white citizens of Mobile toward the colored citizens. Mr. Bates also discussed in his welcome the value of education, and the program now in progress to extend this work among the Negro population of the City of Mobile. He emphasized the character and worth of fraternal institutions, most especially the Masonic Order of Alabama, and what it meant to the people of Mobile. He paid a lasting tribute to the members of the colored race, calling attention to the devotion and service, loyalty and patience exercised by the leaders of the old historic city on the bay. He delighted his audience when he emphasized trust and duty, most acceptably citizenship and character. We are moved to great expressions on the point of education because we know that through education all races must be saved, and all problems must be solved. Because of our deep sense of appreciation of this virtue of life and security, the Masons of Alabama are spending hundreds of dollars every year in scholarships and charity." Continuing he said, "Mr. President, we are thankful for your program of education. We appreciate any effort on your part in this direction to give the boys and girls in your section a chance to know and understand. I hope to see the day when every white boy and every white girl and every black boy and every black girl have been given a thorough training, and equipped for life's great battle and service among the sons of men. This order stands for substantial character and education. No cleaner man ever wore shoe-leather than Walter Thomas Woods, the grand master of this order, and because of his life and character radiating throughout the jurisdiction, the order is moving by leaps and bounds, and from a bankrupt institution 16 years ago, it has retired every obligation, restored confidence, and has in cash and assets nearly a million dollars. This was not done by accident," he said, "but by rugged honesty, patience, and forbearance we have come."

The response to the City Commissioner's welcome was made by Editor Oscar W. Adams, who was applauded vigorously when he told of the work of the order, and accepted in an eloquent manner the words delivered by the Commissioner. "This," he said, "is a rather interesting welcome. Interesting from the beginning to the end. We have not only been told of the wonderfulness of Mobile, the pleasures and comforts that await us, but this gentleman has also discussed with us

people were at the wharf, and one boat could carry only six hundred. The trip took about two and a half hours, and it was one of the most delightful courtesies extended the visitors.

Woods Delivers Message

Late Tuesday evening Grand Master Woods began his annual address which lasted nearly an hour and a half. It was a message replete in its survey of the order in Alabama, its relations with other jurisdictions, and recommendations for its future growth. The grand master showed that 18 new lodges had been set up during the year, and he was prepared to issue 23 new charters. He explained most satisfactorily the matter in connection with the ex-mental agent of the Masonic Temple in Birmingham, 917.18; and directed the Grand Lodge to express itself on what steps to be taken to collect its money. Among other things, he said: "I am not surprised to see the large delegation that I face today. I am happy beyond expression to come back home in the capacity of Grand Master after seven years of successful service and progress, and I am glad to report, notwithstanding the strenuous times and the distressing financial condition of the state, we are still having a reasonable degree of success. Certainly, we have had some extraordinary reasons to be happy this year, because in the face of the unemployment of our people, the craftsmen have kept faith in the fraternity and have made tremendous sacrifices, and because of that faith we are able to report to you that we have not lost ground, but gained continuously. Let me thank each of you for your presence today, for your loyalty, and for your disposition to be properly led."

Grand Lodge Opens

Sharply at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods called the Grand Lodge to order in the Franklin Street Baptist Church, and proceeded to organize for the fifty-first session of that body. Men were seen coming in from every section of the state, from the rural districts and from the cities, from the hamlets and from the villages. They came in to hear reports, to make reports, and to legislate for the future progress of the fraternity. It was not long before the Grand Lodge was properly organized, with Prof. W. R. Lee, of Montgomery, recording secretary, and all officers filling their stations at roll call.

Exactly at 12:30 the convention recessed for a boat ride on the bay, and to see the eight million dollar docks. It was thought that one boat could carry the delegates and friends; but two had to be chartered when it was found that about fourteen hundred

praises or Walter Thomas Woods as they have done in all the years past.

Reports Continued

The reports continued Wednesday morning when Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson delivered a detailed and itemized statement covering the work of his office for the year, and also making a comparison of some 8 or 10 years back. He was followed by C. W. Peters, Endowment Secretary; and following his report was that of the Grand Secretary, P. D. Davis; and that of A. Nixon, Grand Treasurer.

More Than a Quarter of a Million Handled

It was shown by these reports that the order had handled in the Endowment Department and the Grand Lodge Department, \$320,737.92. The death claims amounted to \$119,322.46. Other expenses, including taxes, \$41,917.18; leaving a cash balance in all departments of \$151,446.00. The order has nearly 27 thousand members, and 915 lodges. It had 341 death claims this year, and more than a hundred thousand dollars on savings deposit. In doing this tremendous amount of business just \$300 went for lawyer's fee and legal expenses, showing the excellent manner in which the officers are operating their business, and showing a satisfied membership as well as a satisfied public.

W. H. Carter Makes Report

Mr. W. H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, and auditor for the endowment department, made a report in which he called attention most specifically to the Masonic Temple and its operation, giving in detailed itemization all expenditures of the endowment department. He agreed with the recommendations of Grand Master Woods, and urged, on the floor of the convention, their adoption.

Diffay Matter Up Again

There has been much talk and speculation regarding the ex-mental agent of history of the organization some 16 years ago, and struck an interesting comparison between its condition then and its condition now. The message aroused great expression, and the delegates were on their feet, a hundred or more of them, to make some expression of the situation, of the messager, and for the messenger. It over more than six thousand dollars of seemed that the only way to his rental money from the Masonic end these expressions was to offer a Temple. It developed in Mobile that motion thanking the Grand Master for this amount had not been paid, and his address and the service he has rendered the craft during his administration as grand master. This motion was unanimously adopted, and not turn over. The Grand Lodge expressed itself in no uncertain terms

by many speakers on this kind of conduct. A motion and a resolution were passed giving Mr. Diffay 90 days to settle the matter, and if not settled in that time Grand Master Woods was directed to take legal steps, both civil and criminal to secure restitution. The grand master appointed as his associates Attorney Chas. V. P. D. Davis, Grand Secretary. Hendey of Huntsville and Dr. A. B. McKenzie, of Tuscaloosa.

Legislation

The Grand Lodge passed a proposition to elect a custodian for the Temple in Birmingham, and did elect to that office Prof. A. J. Knox, of Ensley, who has served for a number of years on the auditing committee. It is believed that this piece of legislation will aid greatly in getting in more promptly and satisfactorily the revenue from the Masonic Temple. Quite a few other propositions were passed which, in the judgment of your correspondent, will mean success to the fraternity in this state. Among the measures adopted was one to curtail much speech-making by the Grand Lodge officers in rendering report. This measure provides that the addresses of the convention, and general discussions of matters affecting the order, will be delivered by the Grand Master only, and all other officers will only submit their reports. The auditors of the two departments will make the detailed statements itemizing the activities of the officers, covering every transaction in detail. If grand officers wish to make special addresses they will be obliged to do so at such time when they are not making a report. The Grand Master is expected to deliver the message of the Grand Lodge, and it is thought that recommendations should emanate from his office.

Election of Officers

Late Wednesday evening Grand Master Woods declared the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in order. Walter Thomas Woods was placed in nomination for Grand Master and so was James A. Byrd, both of Birmingham. The two candidates received several speeches on the nomination, and on roll call Walter Thomas Woods received 1,050 votes, and James A. Byrd received 244. It was Thursday morning, immediately after the adoption of the minutes that the election continued. W. L. McAlpine, Rev. U. J. Robinson and A. Scornier were placed in nomination for Deputy Grand Master. McAlpine was elected by a large majority. A contest between Prof. A. H. Williams, of Union Springs, and A. Nixon, of Birmingham, for Grand Treasurer ended when on standing vote Mr.

Nixon received 222, and Prof. Williams received 211. All the other officers were re-elected. They were: R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer; C. W. Peters, Endowment Secretary; Dr. L. U. Goin, Grand Medical Registrar; F. G. Hill, Grand Senior Warden; M. C. Cockrell, Grand Junior Warden;

Dr. Goin's report dealt with the health condition of the order, and his statement was regarded as very interesting and important to the craft.

Late Thursday evening the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Selma, Ala., the third Tuesday in July, 1930.

NATIONAL BENEFIT SAVES MASONIC TEMPLE

(Capital News Service.)

During the past two weeks the officers of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company of Washington have been besieged with various business propositions from Masonic officials, business men, and financial magnates of Washington and Chicago, who have vied with each other in their efforts to interest the insurance men.

For sometime Masonic circles have been perturbed about the impending loss of the new Masonic Temple at Tenth and U streets northwest, and have tried hard for several months to interest the life insurance company in taking over the building.

The uncompleted building was advertised for sale at public auction but it is now rumored that the "National Benefit" has come to the rescue and will arrange to save the building from being sold under the auctioneer's hammer.

The building, upon completion, will probably be occupied by the home office of the life insurance company which is now located at 609 F street northwest.

This movement proved a check-mate to the attempt of a delegation of Chicago business men, politicians, and bank officials, who came to Washington on April 20 and spent three days in a vain attempt to persuade the Rutherfords to move the main office of the National Benefit to Chicago.

The delegation was headed by Jesse Bank; Louis B. Anderson, Chicago Al-derman; Adelbert Roberts, Illinois

State Senator; Lucius C. Washington, real estate operator; Charles Jackson, leading undertaker; Dr. U. Grant Daly, physician, and others.

Flattering inducements are said to have been offered to the local firm to make the change, which would have added a new million dollar enterprise to the Negro business world of Chicago, and assured the granting of a national bank charter to the Binga State Bank.

The removal of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company to the Windy City would have effected more than 309 persons employed in their office here in Washington. The fact that the budget to carry such a force to Chicago would exceed very greatly the sum necessary to maintain the force in Washington, is given as one of the reasons for the failure of the proposition.

Alabamian Head Holy Royal Arch Masons Conf'nce

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug 28.—(ANP) Samuel H. Crowder, Birmingham, Ala., was elected president of the International Conference of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States and the Dominion of Canada here at the Triennial Convention of the order, which has been in session since Monday.

Crowder, who is a 33rd degree Mason, and one of the most influential members of the order, was elected by an unprecedented majority, succeeding J. S. Standback of South Carolina, was elected Past President and a member of the Executive Committee.

Under the leadership of J. S. Standback, the retiring president, the International Conference of Holy Royal Arch Masons, which is one of the youngest groups of the various branches and divisions of the Imperial Council in session here, has made rapid progress. According to the report of the secretary, Thomas H. Williams, of New Jersey, who is also a 33rd degree Mason, the membership in the organization has undergone a healthy growth during the past three years.

Record Attendance

The officers and delegates paid ed in the large attendance upon the convention. Those who have been following the destiny of the order since its inception in 1912,

declared that this year's attendance broke all records, with the majority of the jurisdictions duly represented.

The election of officers was as tribute to the work of the retiring president and expressed the belief that with President Crowder at the helm, the conference would make rapid progress in every direction.

The election of officers was as follows: Samuel H. Crowder, Ala., president; Henry W. Gregory, New York, first vice president; Marion L. Webb, Mass., second vice president; George B. Brown, Maryland, third vice president; Thomas H. Williams, N. J., secretary; Thomas M. Dent, D. C., treasurer; Jesse D. Phillips, N. Y., chaplain.

Advisory Board: W. H. Perrp, Ky., J. G. Riley, Fla.; G. T. Buford, Ala.; Peter McCoun, Ohio; Isaac M. C. Harper, W. Va.; R. C. Wilson, Mass.; B. M. Hyde, Ia.

Executive Committee: J. Adam Johnson, Ohio; Harry McKenzie, D. C.; Fred Harding, Ill.; A. P. T. Stephens, Pa.; J. C. Dawson, Ind.; J. W. Taylor, Ia.; A. V. Brazie, La.; J. S. Stangack, S. C.; M. C. Musson, N. J.; Fred Johnson, N. Y.; S. A. May, Mo.; Shedrick Goode, Mass.

NEGRO ORDER VICTOR IN SUIT BY SHRINERS

Supreme Court Upholds Use of
Similar Name and Same
Times and Regalia.

TEXAS COURT IS REVERSED

Long Silence by White Order as
Other Grew Is Cited in Opinion
by Van Devanter.

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, June 3.—The right of negroes of the "Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" to use the similar name and the titles, emblems and regalia of the white Shriners was upheld today by the Supreme Court.

The opinion, handed down by Associate Justice Vandevanter, held that the silence of white Shriners for many years barred them from restraining the negroes. The suit was begun in 1918 in a Texas State court by Shriners in Houston against the local temple of the negro order.

The Texas Supreme Court granted an injunction. In reversing the judg-

ment Justice Vandevanter said:

"There is no evidence of a fraudulent intent on the part of the negro order or of a purpose on its part to induce any one, whether Mason or non-Mason, to believe that it was the white order or that they were parts of the same fraternity. On the contrary, it is shown that the negro order always held itself out as entirely distinct from the white order, and as open only to members of the negro

fraternity. True, there was much imitation, but this is shown to have been in the nature of emulation rather than false pretense."

Pointing out that "It is established that from the beginning the white order had knowledge of the existence and imitative acts and practices of the negro order," the opinion says, the "evidence indubitably shows that with such knowledge the white order silently stood by for many years while the negro order was continuing its imitative acts and practices, and was establishing new lodges, enlarging its membership, acquiring real property in its corporate name, and investing substantial sums in the copied paraphernalia, regalia and emblems."

"It also is shown by the uncontradicted testimony of several witnesses—one a life member of the white order—that a large proportion of the copied paraphernalia, regalia, emblems and insignia used by the negro order, its lodges and members, was purchased from or through members of the white order, and that in one instance a lodge of that order, preparatory to moving to new quarters, sold the paraphernalia and regalia used in the old quarters to a lodge of the negro order in the same city."

Justice Van Deranter recalled suits by a white lodge in Georgia in 1914 and in Arkansas a few years later.

"But these objections came too late," he said, "to overcome or weaken the force of the conduct of the white order during the thirty years preceding the earlier of the two suits. After that period of inaction and seeming acquiescence, it was too late to resuscitate the original exclusive right for which the white order is now contending."

"What we have said of the evidence demonstrates, as we think, not only that there was obvious and long continued laches on the part of the white order, but also that the circumstances were such that its laches barred it from asserting an exclusive right, or seeking equitable relief, as against the negro order."

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SCIPIO JONES BECOMES NATIONAL GRAND MASTER MO- SAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA

JONES HEADS ORDER

Old Folks Homes and State Temple Buildings in eight of the twenty-six states in which the order does business. The order stands on its unrivalled forty-six years of real achievement and genuine service to the Negroes of America.

Scipio A. Jones Logical Leader

Scipio A. Jones' achievements are as many as those of the order to the leadership of which he has been elected. He is one of America's greatest lawyers for his victory in the famous Elaine Cases easily stamped him

as such. He has practiced law in the courts of Arkansas for more than a quarter of a century and has gained more recognition in his profession than any Negro lawyer in Arkansas. He has served as judge of the Municipal Court of Little Rock and as also served as special chancellor of the Pulaski Chancery Court of which Federal Judge J. E. Martineau was chancellor before his election as governor of the state. He was the first colored lawyer to beat the white Shriners in the courts and to win signal victory for the colored Pythians of Arkansas when an effort was made to put them out of business. Judge Jones introduced President Hoover a reception that was tendered him by the Negroes of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in June, 1927, in recognition of their appreciation of his services as chairman of the flood relief committee for which position he was selected by President Coolidge when he was secretary of commerce. Judge Jones is the acknowledged political leader of the Negroes of Arkansas and has been for nearly a quarter of a century. He has been delegate to the Republican National Convention three times and was offered the Recorder of Deeds office by the late President Taft, but declined to accept. He is also the legal counsel for nearly every colored fraternal order in the State of Arkansas and has been largely responsible for whatever success they have attained. He is trustee of Shorter College and is one of the most active and outstanding laymen in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. His record stands unchallenged as one of the most useful figures in Negro life for the past quarter century and he is loved and highly respected by his own race as well as by the white race.

der has paid to beneficiaries of its deceased members \$4,000,000 and has lent its members more than \$250,000 to save their homes, farm lands, and other properties from foreclosure. When Mr. McAdoo was touring the country during the World War in the interest of the sale of Liberty Bonds Judge Jones personally handed him a check for \$50,000 for Liberty Bonds for the Mosaic Templars of America. Later on this order invested \$75,000 more in Liberty Bonds making a total of \$125,000 worth of Liberty Bonds bought by the Mosaic Templars of America. The headquarters is located in Little Rock where the order was founded and owns here three magnificent buildings valued at more than \$300,000 which are situated on Broadway, the main boulevard of the city of Little Rock. In addition the order owns valuable farm lands, hospitals

DR. ELLIOTT LAID TO REST---JONES IS GRAND MASTER

Dr. S. J. Elliott, for more than four teen years National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America, was buried in Little Rock, Ark., Friday, Nov. 28, with all honors of his office and with the esteem of a Gospel minister. The funeral message was delivered by Rev. H. W. Evans, of St. Louis, Mo., who in a very eloquent manner presented the life and service of the deceased. He was followed by Dr. John W. Goodgame, of Birmingham, Ala., and second in authority to Dr. Elliott when he lived as National Grand Master. Dr. T. J. Mopkins of Chicago spoke on the program as did Dr. J. Pius Barbour of Montgomery, Ala., and the commissioner of insurance of Arkansas. Many hundreds of telegrams flowed into Little Rock and the floral designs were immense and beautiful.

Dr. Goodgame Declines Position

Dr. John W. Goodgame, second in command during the life of Dr. Elliott refused to accept the position of National Grand Master when the law specifically made him the officer. Dr. Goodgame in declining the position made it plain to the executive committee that his work as a minister in the Baptist Church would prevent any effort on his part to accept an obligation and responsibility such as that of National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America. Many of his friends urged him to forego his feeling with respect to his position as a minister and take hold of the institution and direct it. He steadfastly refused and proposed the name of Attorney Scipio Jones, who has been for a number of years National Counsellor of the order. Mr. Jones received the unanimous vote of the executive committee, and he is now the National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America.



SCIPIO A. JONES

National Grand Master Mosaic Templars of America

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the National Committee of Management of the Mosaic Templars of America held here last Saturday, Judge Scipio A. Jones, one of the most illustrious Negroes in American life today was elected as National Grand Master of this well-known fraternal beneficiary society which has been insuring the lives of members of our group for more than forty-six years. Grand Master Elliott died last week. Judge Jones has been the National Attorney-General of the order for more than a quarter of a century and his superior qualifications and experience especially fit him for this highly responsible position. His election was unanimous because it was the consensus of opinion of all that Judge Jones was the logical man to assume charge of America's largest and one of the oldest business institutions of the race now carrying on both a lodge and insurance business. Judge Jones announces that he will make public soon his plans for the future as regards a nation-wide campaign that he is contemplating in the interest of the order.

Order Founded Forty-Six Years Ago

The Mosaic Templars of America was founded in Little Rock, Ark., on May 22, 1883, by the late John E. Bush, and the late Chester W. Keatts. Although the organization was originally formed for the Negroes of Arkansas, its growth was so phenomenal that in a few years it had grown from thirteen members and fifteen cents to more than 100,000 men, women and children and with assets aggregating nearly a million dollars. The order extends in membership from New Jersey to Florida on the Atlantic Seaboard, from Florida to Texas on the Gulf Coast, as far north as Michigan and as far west as Arizona. Since its humble beginning it has grown to be one of the largest institutions of its kind ever established by the Negro race in America. During the past fourteen years the or-

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Negro Knights and Daughters of the World.

Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 14
Tuesday, January 22, 1929

A New Fraternal Insurance Order

**Negro Knights & Daughters
Of The World To Be
Started Here**

Announcement was made today that another colored fraternal insurance organization is being started in Yazoo City, to be known as the Negro Knights and Daughters of the World. The officers and directors of the new organization are Wm. Howard, W. A. Joe Williams, Arthur Mack, Arthur McKinney, L. A. Hoy, Chas. E. Galloway, Spencer Howard, Albert Banks, J. W. Hair and R. L. Johnson.

Bond for the protection of the policy holders of this organization has been deposited with the state insurance department at Jackson and permission has been given for the company to start business.

Many new features are to be incorporated in the policies issued by this company, it is stated, and their proposition is said to be most attractive. In the near future agents will be in the field actively soliciting business and acquainting the colored population of this section with the policies and ideals of the organization.

Promoters of the movement have received great encouragement in all quarters, and they confidently predict that the organization will have one thousand members in Yazoo County within a very short space of time.

A. Graves and Ed. Morris Lose After Nine Years Litigation

The Supreme Court of Georgia decided last Friday that A. Graves and Ed Morris who wrecked the G. U. O. O. F. in Georgia were in error, and couldn't successfully attack the amendments made to the charter of D. G. L. No. 18 Jurisdiction of Georgia at Macon in August 1917, for the reason, that A. Graves, et al were present and participated in said Macon meeting and neither voted or protested against said amendments at the time of their adoption.

In 1916 at the time Morris and his henchmen began their plot to wreck the order in Georgia, District Grand Lodge No. 18 G. U. O. O. F. was a solvent corporation worth \$500,000; Graves had been expelled from the order for embezzlement of lodge funds as treasurer of the corporation. He was reinstated by Morris, National Grand Master, without notice to the Lodge from which he was expelled, in the teeth of the law, which said, an expelled member is unworthy of membership in the order and couldn't be reinstated except through the subordinate from which he was expelled; and then only upon the lodge's satisfaction that such expelled member was innocent at the time of expulsion. But Morris wanted a man Friday in Georgia to do his dirty work and Graves was the only man in the state mean enough to do his job. Hence, in 1916 he took the first step in the conspiracy to wreck the order in the state, by expelling B. S. Ingram, and suspending B. J. Davis for twelve months without charge or trial; and revoking the charter of the order in the state without a hearing.

Morris revoked the charter of District Grand Lodge No. 18 G. U. O. O. F. America, Jurisdiction of Georgia, January 16, 1916, without a hearing, and removed the corporation's officers, leaving the corporation and its assets without protection. The sainted Dr. A. D. Jones, deceased, Medical Examiner of the Order, advised the court through his attorneys Brandon & Hynds; Rosser, Philips, Slaton & Hopkins; C. P. Goree, and Henry Lincoln Johnson of the situation, and his honor, Judge Geo. L. Bell appointed the Hon. James A. Branch, receiver, to preserve the assets of the Order and to protect the certificate holders.

The Corporation was solvent and his Honor took the position that the Corporation ought to be saved, and called a meeting under the rules of the Order to meet in Macon, Georgia, in August 1917, to be presided over by Judge John D. Humphries who at that time, was an officer of the court, being auditor of the Corporation's assets. The meeting was had and all members of the Order including Graves were permitted to take part in the meeting without regard to financial standing. The Honorable C. P. Goree, Attorney appeared at the meeting as counsel for the Corporation and assisted in conducting the meeting according to the order of the court.

The Corporation voted certain amendments to its charter and the courts authorized and approved them. Officers were elected at this meeting and recognized by the court; But later Ed. Morris, National Grand Master, ignored the mandate of the cracker court, as he and Graves styled our courts, and called a rump meeting in December 1917 at Atlanta; and set up another set of officers with Graves at the head of them. Since then they have been calling themselves the loyal Odd Fellows conducting a voluntary association with Graves at the head of what few followers he could assemble. Morris ordered all the lodges in Georgia to support his rump organization under penalty of denial of the pass word, and suspension from the order.

Ninety per cent of the lodges in the state refused to obey Morris's man Friday, and he began to file suits against the Corporation and has kept it up for nine years more or less.

The last suit filed by Graves, Morris, et al was the one the Supreme Court of Georgia decided against them last Friday. This suit was an action to set aside the amendments to the charter and to enjoin and restrain B. J. Davis, et al from disposing in any way their property. Not satisfied with having wrecked the Order they sought to enjoin the Directors, (B. J. Davis, Drs. A. M. Wilkins, R. C. Williams, E. J. Turner, and J. H. Watson) from disposing of any of their life savings or changing the title of any of their property.

The Supreme Court said not. But A. Graves held out to his deluded followers the hope that by some hook or crook they would get hold of

the property of the Order which they had successfully wrecked. Graves had never put one penny into the investments of the Order, for the reason he had been expelled from the Order for embezzlement of its funds at the beginning of its investments. He remained out of the Order through all the years of the Lodge's prosperity, and was illegally reinstated by Ed Morris to do the job that he has successfully done.

If there is a bonafide Lodge of the G. U. O. O. F. in Georgia operated by Graves' association the public is not advised; yet Graves and others have kept the Corporation in court for nine years for the sole purpose of wrecking the institution and picking up the plunder and to satisfy hate, vengeance, and personal spleen against B. J. Davis, and Henry Lincoln Johnson, for bringing about the expulsion of Graves in 1910 for dishonesty in office. These people have been to the Supreme Courts four times and filed divers of suits to be turned down as often as they went. But their one object has been accomplished and that object was, to wreck a half million Corporation, and to destroy Davis, Johnson, et al. In order to do this the wreckers have employed a half dozen different law firms for the reason good lawyers get tired of carrying moot cases to court and quit.

DECLINES HOWARD LAW POST
HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feb. 28.—A. J. Atkinson, who refused a law professorship at Howard University, has appointed grand attorney for the Odd Fellows in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

EVERY EVENING
WILMINGTON, DEL.

FEB 28 1929
OLD ARMORY WILL BE
CENTER FOR NEGROES

Bought by Odd Fellows, it
Will be Rebuilt at Cost of
\$25,000.

Within the next few months, alterations to cost more than \$25,000 will be made to the old armory building at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Orange Sts. A permit was granted yesterday by Building Inspector Ellis P. Preston. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in Delaware, with eight subordinate lodges in the city, has purchased the building. It will be the headquarters for the order, replacing the present quarters in the building, at 1003 Orange St. which has been sold.

According to Charles H. Colburn chairman of the board of directors the new structure will serve as a community center for activities of every kind, in addition to being the permanent home for the Negro Odd Fellows of the city. The alterations to the building include an auditorium to seat 600 persons, with a large stage and orchestra pit. A dining room with accommodations for 300 persons will also be a feature. Several spacious lodge rooms will be located upon the two upper floors. The walls will be of red brick, stuccoed. The local Y. M. C. A. may be invited to use the building as a temporary headquarters for its organization here of a Negro branch.

FIFTY YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP IN TEXAS

By C. F. RICHARDSON

With all plans and details about worked out for the forthcoming fiftieth (silver jubilee) anniversary celebration of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth of Texas, which will be staged in Galveston August 5-9, 1929, the eyes of Texas and the nation will be focused upon Treasure Isle during this mammoth event.

While the Household of Ruth in the state will not be 50 years of age this year, the sisters are joining hands with the brothers to put on an exhibition and demonstration which the Island City and Texas will never forget, and one which will be in keeping with the glorious past of the order and its bright prospects for the future.

This memorable event will be held in connection with the grand lodge, and it is expected that thousands will invade Galveston during the week to view the epochal spectacle.

Another feature which will draw many members of the order to the grand session is the biennial election of grand lodge officers. While we have not heard of any hats being in the ring for any of the grand lodge plums, it will not be surprising to discover some ambitious aspirants in Galveston either seeking some office, or hoping that "lightning will strike them."

During a recent visit to the city, Prof. G. W. Jackson of Corsicana, district grand master of the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona jurisdiction, states that not only a record-making, but a record-breaking meeting is in the offing for Galveston during August, and that the "Odd Fellows and Ruthites will kill the fatted calf and stage one mighty fine celebration. We are going to let the world know that the Odd Fellows of Texas can do big things and do them in a big way."

Mrs. L. M. Hughes of Cameron, who recently became titular head of the Household of Ruth through the death of Mrs. Julia Caldwell-Frazier, was in Houston a few days ago, and declared that "the Ruthites are going to stand by and with the Odd Fellows in the consummation and execution of the silver jubilee anniversary in Galveston during the grand sessions in August, and, while we do not care to divulge our plans just now, our suggestion is that you meet us in the Island City and see with your own eyes the demonstration which will be staged for your enlightenment and edification."

Another fraternal stalwart who is busy getting things in fine fettle for the grand lodge is Hon. James T. Ewing of Houston, district grand secretary and temple manager. Although the recent high water in Houston did much material damage to the basement of the Odd Fellows Temple, Mr. Ewing not only is directing the repair work in the building, but he is handling nu-

merous details dealing with the grand session during August.

Both Grand Master Jackson and Grand Secretary Ewing will be candidates for reelection. In fact, it is rumored in reliable circles that the entire grand lodge family will be retained in office for another two years. (The Odd Fellows and Ruthites only elect officers every two years, and while the former will hold an election this year the latter will not elect officers until the 1930 session.)

According to reports emanating from Galveston, the 1929 host-city, the various local committees have things well in hand down there, and are eagerly looking forward to the grand session and the silver jubilee celebration. There promises to be something doing from the moment the first delegates reach the Island City until the last one has departed for home.

The railroads of Texas will grant reduced round trip rates for this occasion, and persons from the interior of the state and other distant or near-distant points—in fact, all persons connected with the grand lodge and grand household—are urgently requested and advised to employ the passenger trains and to use the lines designated by the head of the order. This will assure better accommodations for all concerned, and will make a far better showing for the fraternity.

During the fifty years of its existence in Texas, the Odd Fellows order has risen from a mere infant in the fraternal world to a giant among secret fraternities, with assets and resources above the half-million dollar mark.

Always regarded and rated as a conservative fraternal organization, this order has kept pace with the marvelous growth recorded by similar race institutions in Texas during the past decade or more; and it faces the future with high hopes and a most enthusiastic spirit, holding tenaciously to the fundamental tenets of the order—Friendship, Love and Truth.

ORDER EMBRACES MEMBERSHIP OF 13,496 IN STATE

R. T. Stewart Again Chosen To Head Old Dominion Unit; To Fredericksburg in 1931

Special to Journal and Guide
Martinsville, Va., Virginia Odd Fellows have a membership of 13,496 in the 365 lodges in the State, it was revealed at the regular biennial session of the District Grand Lodge No. 15 and the District Grand Household No. 11 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which was held here for three days ending August 29. High St. Baptist Church was the district lodge headquarters. Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church was the headquarters of the district grand household. District grand master R. T. Stewart and Mrs.

Alma B. Layton, district grand most noble governor, presided over the respective bodies.

Progress Reported

Mr. Stewart's report indicated a prosperous condition of the organization and forecasted a steady progress. Greater support for the Patriarchy by subordinate lodges, larger endowment department membership, and closer lodge and household cooperation in promoting the juvenile department were among his recommendation.

Grand Master Stewart was a recent guest of the Texas Odd Fellows and reported on his trip to that State.

In addition to the item regarding membership and number of lodges grand secretary A. T. Shirley reported that during the past two years the Odd Fellows in Virginia have paid the sick \$17,080; for burials \$23,529.47; to widows and orphans \$4,234.47; and for other purposes \$27,970.12.

The total value of Odd Fellows' property and cash invested is \$354,017.29. This with the cash in hand, which is \$41,524.81, totals \$395,542.10.

Reports made by district grand treasurer T. S. Bagnall and district grand auditor F. D. Banks verified the above report.

Stewart Re-elected

The election of officers resulted as follows: Major General R. T. Stewart district grand master; Lt. Colonel W. H. Skinner, deputy district grand master; A. T. Shirley, district grand secretary; T. S. Bagnall, district grand treasurer; F. D. Banks, district grand auditor; W. H. Brown, district grand director.

The next meeting will be held in Fredericksburg, Va., in August 1931.

Great interest was manifested here in the convention as it was the first time a colored fraternal organization had met in Martinsville.

Welcome addresses were delivered by Mayor G. A. Brown, Rev. H. Morris Rev. C. P. Watkins; and responses were made by Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Layton, and W. H. Brown.

A parade and competitive drill were two features of the session. Alexander Patriarch No. 175 won first prize; Newport News Patriarch No. 95 won second prize; and the Alexander auxiliary won the women's prize. Captain R. Beecher Taylor, Richmond, made the presentations.

Prominent among the dead members memorialized at a special service was the late W. B. F. Crowell, of Roanoke.

HEAD OF A. U. K. LAID TO REST

The funeral of William Herbert Fields, 67 years old, founder of the Order of Ancient, United Knights and Daughters of Africa, were held last Monday morning at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, amid tributes from the various departments of the order he founded and from prominent leaders in church and civic affairs. People came from far and near to pay a last homage to the well known man.

First there was the impressive funeral service at the Metropolitan Church, where Fields had been active as a member.

The Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor of Wayman Chapel A. M. E., preached the sermon. Throughout the program of the funeral services Fields was eulogized as a fraternal genius and one who had wrought well in his struggle in life, climbing as a newsboy and barber to the head of an organization of membership of 36,000 in 31 states. Prayer was rendered by Rev. O. C. Maxwell, pastor, First Baptist Church Mayor Miller, Circuit Judge John W. Calhoun and many notable men and women were present.

Fields died last Thursday of a complication of diseases. He was a native of Evansville, Ind., and was a bachelor.

Judge Calhoun's Tribute

Circuit Judge Calhoun spoke of Fields as a "true friend, faithful, just and constant at all times." He said this noble man has passed away, after successfully performing a great work.

"If your life has been made better," continued Judge Calhoun, "by your contact with Fields, then, indeed, has he attained that fitting climax, which he so earnestly strove for and desired." The Judge quoted one of Daniel Webster's famous orations to emphasize his thought: "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon mortal minds, if we imbue them with the principals, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity." Herbert Fields was full of the spirit of this kind of service. It will be hard to replace him. He has truly served his Race, his city, his state and his nation. I shall miss my friend. And I offer this rose as a symbol of my affectionate regard for him," he said.

Mayor Miller was not asked to

speak.

The service at the church were preceded by a parade for three blocks down Lucas avenue from Fields' home at 3201 Lucas avenue. Heading the procession was the regimental band of the United Knights, their brilliant blue and gold uniforms covered with heavy overcoats to protect against the piercing wind. They were followed by the Staff Ladies, officers of the national organization who carried long spears and wore white caparisons in their hair. Other national officers, from cities outside of St. Louis, appeared in the procession in uniforms of white or red.

Guard of Honor

As the body was placed in the chancel of the church, banked with flower offerings, two uniformed members of the military division of the society stood at either end of the casket, one bearing the banner of the organization, the other the Stars and Stripes. Daughters of Africa, wearing black sailor hats with broad white bands, almost completely filled the lower floor. The Knights, wearing ornate badges of blue and gold, stood about the sides and the balcony was filled with non-members.

Telegrams of condolence from councils of the organization all over the country, and resolutions of the military, juvenile and other branches of the society were read.

Burial in Washington Park Cemetery with military ceremonies.

Honorary pallbearers: Richard Kent James T. Bush, Homer G. Phillips, J. W. Ferguson, Ben Barrow, Charles Scott, S. E. Garner, Harvey Davis, A. G. Lindsay and Charles Helm.

The deceased is survived by his niece, Miss Sarah Fields of St. Louis and five nephews.

Out-of-Town Mourners

Among the out-of-town mourners from Chicago: Ben H. Mosby, Mrs. Ida Simmons, Mrs. Nellie Burbridge, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Louise H. White, Mrs. Elizabeth Rochon, Dr. Eugene Butler, Mrs. Henrietta Dean and Mrs. Gertrude Emory of New York; Rev. T. L. Scott, of Detroit; Mrs. Florence Cole, Mrs. Cora Williams and Mrs. Irene Crowder, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Josephine Brown, of Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Sophie Lyons, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ethel Turner of Paducah, Ky.; Mrs. Annie Kelley, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Ada Goins of Indianapolis, Ind.; Col. Thomas H. Butler of Cleveland, Ohio and Wm. G. Stellmacher of Connecticut.

His Last Will Made

Inventory of Fields estate has not been completed. According to his last will and testament, persons named to share equally in the major portion of his real and personal property are: Miss Sarah Fields, niece; Rev. S. D. Davis, national grand secretary-treasurer of the order; Charles Wright of Newark, Ohio, a nephew; Miss Lu-

cille Wooley, private secretary; Mrs. Sarah McCall, 3739 Elmwood Ave., Chicago, and Mrs. Eliza Jackson of Chicago, state grand queen of the organization.

Specific bequests: To Miss Willetta Hyde Trotter, 3704 Grand Blvd., Chicago, a former secretary of Fields, \$200 and a lot in Idleveld, Mich.; Miss Sarah Fields, \$300; Charles Wright, \$100; Wesley Wright, nephew, \$1; Cassius West, nephew, \$1; Ben H. Mosby of Chicago, deputy grand master, solid gold emblem ring, watch and chain; William H. King of St. Louis, gold hand-clasp with diamond setting, one share of stock in the Seven Lins Ice Cream company of Chicago, 13 shares of stock in the Peoples Finance and Investment company of St. Louis; Mrs. Eliza Jackson of Chicago, \$200 in cash, diamond ring and one share of stock in the Douglass National bank of Chicago; Rev. S. D. Davis is bequeathed five shares of stock in the Midwest Life Insurance company, 10 shares of stock in James T. Bush Investment and Realty company of St. Louis and a pair of diamond cuff links; Miss Lucille Wooley, \$400 in cash and a Royal typewriter; Milton T. Bailey, 3638 S. State St., Chicago, one real estate bond in Fort Dearborn lodge No. 44, Elks of Chicago; Nathan Goodman (white) of St. Louis, to receive a diamond horseshoe stickpin. One dollar is allotted by the will to each nephew, Richard and Finley Fields of St. Louis. The document further specifies that all clothing and wearing apparel be given to a Catholic orphan home at Normandy, Mo. Funeral expenses, according to the will, should not exceed \$675, that amount is stated to come from the endowment and burial funds of the lodges of which Fields was a member.

B. MOSBY HEADS A.U.K. AND D.O.A. NATIONAL BODY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 7.—(By wire).—Ben H. Mosby, prominent Chicagoan, and member of Wendell Phillips high school faculty in that city, was elected national grand master of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa to fill the vacancy left by the death of Former Grand Master Fields.

An educational and memorial commission was also created by the body which has been in session here for the past week.

BEN H. MOSBY HEADS A. U. K. AND D. OF A.

Kansas City Host to 22d Session

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 15.—The 22d annual session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, which convened here Aug. 5 to 10, has become history. The convention was held at St. Stephens' Institutional Baptist church, of which Rev. J. W. Hurst is pastor. Monday, Aug. 5, was taken up with matters of organization of the convention, the appointment of committee on credentials and of other important committees.

Welcome addresses and responses during the morning session and a public reception was given to the convention in the evening by the local committee. On Tuesday, following the report of the committee on credentials and that of the official committee, of which Atty. J. E. Snowden of Chicago was chairman, Ben H. Mosby of Chicago was unanimously elected national grand master as the successor of the late William Herber Fields, founder and organizer of the A. U. K. & D. of A. Mr. Mosby had very ably carried on the work of the order after the death of Mr. Fields. When his name was offered in nomination for the position of grand master, the convention enthusiastically applauded for 30 minutes.

Stage Parade

On Tuesday evening the military department staged a grand parade and a mardi gras performance over several of the principal streets. Thousands of the citizens viewed the parade.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were taken up with reports of the grand officers, reports of committees, addresses by leading men of the country, reception by the officers' council and on Friday a spectacular parade over the principal streets gave the citizens of Kansas City a faint idea of the extent and purposes of the order. The public was impressed and expressed their opinion that the A. U. K. & D. of A. is one of the greatest organizations within the Race.

The following officers were re-elected and appointed for the year: Ben H. Mosby, N. G. master, Chicago; Dr. S. D. Davis, N. G. secretary-treasurer, St. Louis; Julia Cordell, N. G. Q.; Grace Patillo, N. G. R. maid of honor, Chicago; Mrs. Lucille Adams, N. G. L. maid of honor, St. Louis; Rev. J. W. Hurst, N. G. chaplain, Kansas City; Miss Lucille Wooley, N. delinquent secretary, St. Louis; Mrs. Louise Hayden-White, N. G. secretary-treasurer of juvenile de-

partment, Chicago; E. L. Westbrook, N. G. guard, East St. Louis; Leona D. McKinney, N. G. inspector of juveniles, Chicago; Mrs. Sara Canty, N. G. president of officers' councils, Ohio; J. A. Shackelford, major general of military department, St. Louis; Elizabeth Kelly, N. G. auditors, Ohio.

A. U. K. AND D. OF A. RE-ELECTS BEN H. MOSBY AS NATIONAL GRAND MASTER

Kansas City Call
Memorial to Late W. H. Fields, Founder
Voted by National Grand Council
Of Fraternal Order.

PARADE ROUTE TODAY (FRIDAY)

The midday parade today (Friday) of the A. U. K and D. of A. is the "show" parade of each national meeting. It will leave the camp of the order at the Paseo and Parade way promptly at 11 a. m. Route of march:

West on Eighteenth to Grand
North to Twelfth
East to Michigan
South to Eighteenth
West to Vine to Camp

Provisions for the giving of scholarships to aid in educating younger members of the order were made at the Tuesday sessions of the national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, in session this week at St. Stephen Baptist church, Ninth and Harrison streets.

Another recommendation likely to be adopted is that providing for a monument to the late William Herbert Fields, founder of the order who died last February in St. Louis.

Amidst scenes of wildest enthusiasm Ben H. Mosby of Chicago was elected national grand master late in the afternoon of Tuesday morning. The motion to suspend the rules and elect him by acclamation was unanimously adopted following a speech seconding the motion delivered by the Rev. J. W. Hurse.

The convention will be brought to a close tonight with a huge military drill contest at Convention hall, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday, August 4, was a big day for the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, and members of the military department, who gathered here from 32 states to hold their twenty-second annual session and their seventh national encampment. Nine special trains from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton, O., Indianapolis and other cities together with other small attachments by special bus lines and regular trains as far east as Maine and as far west as California, brought delegates.

Delegates went to their hotels and the military department to Camp William Herbert Fields under Major General J. A. Shackelford at Parade way and the Paseo. Monday at 9:30 a. m., the annual session of the national grand council was opened by Ben H. Mosby of Chicago, national grand master.

Following the devotionals exercises by the national grand chaplain, Rev. T. L. Scott, addresses of welcome

Monday night a public reception was given by the councils at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday the committee on credentials made a report. Grand Master Ben H. Mosby delivered his annual address and recommendation to the national grand council which was received enthusiastically. At the conclusion of his address and recommendations, the official committee of which Jos. E. Snowden of Chicago is chairman, brought in a report recommending his election to succeed himself and as successor to the late Grand Master William Herbert Fields.

Provisions were made for the departments of publicity, education and memorials. Resolutions offered by M. T. Bailey of Chicago, the Grand Council was adjourned immediately after opening before transacting any business, in memory of the late National Grand Master who died in St. Louis Mo. last February.

Secret Societies-1929

MRS. SHERROD RE-ELECTED HEAD OF R. S. & D. OF P.

Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection.

death 46 members this fraternal year.

Grand Lodge Organized

The Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection opened their annual session Tuesday morning at the First Baptist Church, Ensley, with a large and enthusiastic delegation. It will be remembered that some twenty-odd years ago this fraternal institution was organized in the city of Birmingham by the late Mrs. Carrie A. Tuggle, who also founded the Tuggle Institute in this city. Since her death the order has been directed by Mrs. Lena M. Sherrod, who it is believed is carrying out the policies of the founder. The convention this year is composed of a large delegation representing nearly every section of the state. According to reports they have more than 70 lodges and several thousand members. Reports by the grand lodge officers show an increase in membership with new branches established.

The public exercises were held Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church, when many prominent citizens of Birmingham attended and took part on the program. Among some of those present when the meeting began were Prof. W. R. Wood, principal of the Council School, Ensley, Ala.; Prof. H. A. Knox, dean of Tuggle Institute; Dr. Chas. A. J. McPherson, Dr. B. J. Anderson, Dr. Taggart, and Samuel L. Crowder, Grand High Priest of the Masons. An interesting program was rendered including welcome addresses, special solos, and music by the choir. Mr. A. G. Gaston delivered the welcome message on the part of the business men of Ensley and Mr. W. E. Shortridge on behalf of the citizens. The response was made by Rev. S. Todd.

In her address Mrs. Lena M. Sherrod, head of the order, expressed appreciation for the splendid cooperation on the part of the people of Ensley in entertaining the grand lodge and again expressed the purpose of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection, and outlined its program for this fraternal year. It was shown that the order had paid off a large number of death claims amounting to more than \$10,000 and dropped from its ranks by

At the opening session Tuesday morning every officer answered to morning every officer answered to organized and the following committees appointed: State of the order, Rev. S. M. Todd, Mesdames Abbie Collins, Viola Benford, Susie Creig, Nancy Hines. Grievances, Mesdames M. J. Rhodes, A. B. Tyler, Frances Tubbs, J. D. McElwayne, Laura Martin, Rosa Fillmore. Resolutions, Mesdames Ella Cain, Helen Paige, Luella Samuels, Helen Davidson, Pauline DeVaughn, and Mr. H. Meadows. Credentials, Mesdames Emma Salsbury, Effie Washington, Lilly Jones, Molly White, L. D. Watkins, Elizabeth Dickerson. Report of the Grand Lodge officers: Mesdames Susie A. Simpson, Jesse Watkins, Lodie Harvey, Mattie P. Foreman, J. B. Thomas, Susie Wilson. Laws, Mesdames Lucy D. Cole, Vassie Miles, H. A. J. Cook, Lucy Wadley, Hattie Harvey, Mr. A. G. Gaston. Mileage and per diem, Mesdames E. H. Massey, Leilia Berthia, Alice Cole, Sarah Edwards, Carrie Ray. Con- tolerance, Mesdames Cornelia Hill, Pearl Jones, Elvira Moorner, Patience Woods, Addie Walker, Eliza Cledgewett.

When Mrs. Sherrod finished her annual address Wednesday evening there were several persons on the floor attempting to make motion to suspend the rules and re-elect the office by acclamation. This would have been done but she was unready for a motion and stated to the grand lodge that she desired to hear all reports and know the condition of the order before any election was had, and insisted on the officers making their reports. The vice protector ruled the motion out of order and the grand lodge proceeded with the work of the day.

Secret Societies - 1929

GRAND TENTS CLOSE ONE OF FINEST SESSIONS IN HISTORY

Norfolk Journal and Guide
**MEETING HERE MARKED BY HARMONY
AND REPORTS SHOWING SPLENDID
GROWTH OF ORDER IN TEN YEARS**

**Women Have Assets Of More Than \$200,000
And Membership of Over 15,000—Strict
Economy Evidenced In Management**

With reports showing remarkable growth of the Order, attesting to its splendid management, and the election of officers and the naming of Petersburg as the next place of meeting, the 45th annual session of the Southern District Grand Tent No. 1 of the J. R. Giddings and Joliffe Union came to a close after a four-day meeting. Approximately 900 women visitors were here attending the sessions, 302 of whom were accredited delegates. They came from all states represented in the District which include Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and the District of Columbia. The delegates and visitors were augmented by a large number of local people attending the convention, the actual attendance never falling below 1,200 throughout the sessions.

The convention opened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in St. John's A. M. E. Church, which had been profusely decorated for the occasion. At night the public meeting was held when the delegates and visitors were formally welcome to the city.

A highly interesting program was carried out at this meeting at which time prominent citizens delivered welcome addresses.

From Wednesday morning until the close of the sessions Friday St. John's Church was the scene of intense feminine activity. The women went about their business with dispatch, and the reading of the reports brought applause from the audience. It has been eleven years since the Southern District Grand Tent met last in this city. The remarkable financial and numerical growth of the Order in the intervening years is strikingly attested in the following figures: At the convention here eleven years ago the late Mrs. Sallie Bonney, then president reported 8,260 members, while at the convention last week Mrs. Adeline M. Ward reported a membership of 15,895, this in spite of the fact that during

management of the affairs of the Order.

Officers Elected

Officers elected for the year were: Mrs. Wilhelmina Byrd, of Norfolk, G. S. M.; Mrs. Laura Shelton, of Alexandria, J. M.; Mrs. Minnie Wilson, of Suffolk, W. G. D. M.; Mrs. Roxie Barksdale, of Danville, M. C.; Mrs. Sallie B. Ellis, of Richmond, G. M. W. R.; Mrs. Annie K. Davis, of Coinjock, N. C., M. W. M. G. C.; Mrs. Mary Dabney, Newport News, M. G. U.; Mrs. Almira Weldon, Norfolk, M. G. Inside Tiler; Mrs. Rebecca Bush, Washington, M. G. Outside Tiler, Mrs. Sallie I. Jackson, Richmond, W. G. P. S. M.; Mrs. Victoria Carnes, Wilmington, W. G. P. S. M.; Mrs. Lillian Gray, Alexandria, W. G. P. D. M.; Mrs. Hattie Brier, Holley Springs, N. C., W. G. P. D. M.

Delegates elected to attend the national convention in Chester, Pa., in October were Mrs. Lucy Bullock, of Rocky Mount, M. C., and Mrs. Emma J. Harris, of Norfolk.

Petersburg was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

The decorating of the church which added so much to the pleasure of the visitors was done by Mr. James R. Gill, who is custodian of the Tent's Headquarters building on Church street.

Tent Notables Present

The South District in its last week's meeting was honored with the presence of Tent notables from the Northern and Eastern districts. Mrs. Prunsey and Mrs. A. J. Valentine, and Mrs. Pattie Milford, of Pennsylvania, superintendents of the Northern District, and Mrs. F. E. Lane and M. S. Gales, of New York, superintendents of the Eastern District were here.

Other national officers here were Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Lakewood, N. J., National Grand Senior Matron; Mrs. Genetta Goldsborom, of Chester, Pa., Past National Grand Senior Matron; and Mrs. Lena Lee, of Brooklyn, Past National Grand Senior Matron.

The entertainment accorded the visitors by the Tents of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkley was superb. Virginia hospitality was evidenced at its best, and at no time was there audible complaint on the part of any visitor as to accommodations, fare and the general character of the convention.

The representatives of the various subordinate Tents were generous in their remembrances to the officers. Numerous presents were made to the official staff, President Adeline M. Ward receiving a veritable bounty of valuable gifts in appreciation of her able

True Reformers, In 48th Year, Making Rapid Progress

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, the pioneer Negro Fraternal Organization, organized in 1881, by William Washington Brown, with headquarters at Richmond, Va., is operating in its 48th year. This organization has suffered reverses, but boasts of having overcome and now in a prosperous condition and working in ten states.

Their motto is Unity, Temperance and Charity. This organization has paid out over two and a half million dollars in death claims.

The Reformers are deserving in every way and should have the co-operation of the entire Race. Many banks and organizations have come out of this order, and it has trained useful men and women for business.

They have a Fountain (Lodge) Department, a Rosebud (Juvenile) Department and a (\$200) Class Department.

The 48th Annual Session was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept., 1928, and the 49th will be held in Wilmington, Del., Sept., 1929.

Mr. Lee Trent, G. W. M., is from Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. L. L. Stanard, G. Sec.-Treas., from Richmond, Va.; Prof. H. H. Winters, Vice G. W. M., Harpers Ferry, W. Va. The members of the Board are Dr. A. W. Brown, Richmond, Va.; Lawyer W. F. Denny, Richmond, Va.; Mr. James East, Richmond, Va.; Mr. S. E. Ray, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Eudell Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Mollie Scott, Huntington, W. Va., and Mr. S. M. Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.

Louisville Opens Doors to Phi Beta Sigma Fraters

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held its 15th annual convention here from Saturday to Monday. The Greeks, Sunday, held special patriotic services at the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. The Sigmas held four days of conferences and discussions along civic and economic lines under the sponsorship of Epsilon Beta Sigma and Tau chapters of this city, hosts of the sessions.

The office of the national president, Hon. Arthur W. Mitchell, attorney-at-law, of Washington, issued the program for the national meet. It contained the names of many notable speakers of local and national fame.

On Wednesday, after a public reception given the citizens of Louisville at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, the principal speaker of the evening was the Hon. William B. Harrison, mayor of Louisville.

Prominent Speakers

The program at a civic mass meeting held on Friday included the following speakers: Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Evansville, Ind., national president of the National Association of Women, who discussed "Women's Contribution to Fraternity Life"; Dr. John LeMay Locke, Howard University, a member of the fraternity, whose subject was "African Mandates and Addresses by Hon. F. D. Stimson, governor of Kentucky, and Hon. F. M. Sackett, United States senator from Kentucky.

In addition to the social affairs planned by the local Phi Beta Sigma chapters, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity were the hosts of the visiting fraters, and later the Eta Omega chapter of A. K. A. sorority were hostesses in honor of the conclave at a reception.

Frat's History

This annual convention of the Sigmas marks another stride forward in the ideals as expressed at its conception, as later worked out by its leaders, and as especially invigorated by the present administration.

The report of the 14th annual conclave at St. Louis last December was a far cry from the beginning of Phi Beta Sigma which was founded by A. Langston Taylor, L. F. Morse and C. I. Brown at Howard university on Jan. 9, 1914. The progress of the fraternity during the year since the last meeting has been even more remarkable.

These 13 years have witnessed its expansion from a membership of 12 brothers in one chapter to a membership of more than 4,000, embracing 52 active chapters. Founded upon the principles of brotherhood, service and scholarship, which are summed up in its motto, "Culture for service and service for humanity," it has retained its ideals, yet has been able to build up a substantial internal organization, sponsoring a program

of economic development as the best solution of the problems of the Race group.

Hand in hand with the promotion Beta Sigma has encouraged scholarship of bigger and better business, Phi ship of the highest type, and has declared itself in favor of unrestricted civic opportunity.

National Programs

Phi Beta Sigma sponsors two major projects: First, the bigger and better business movement, which was inaugurated at Philadelphia in 1924; second, the appointment and financing of a Haitian-Virgin island commission. The latter program, the most advanced step yet taken by a fraternity, was submitted by the national president, Attorney W. Mitchell, and is international in scope.

According to the original plan, "the new project is to send a commission to Haiti and the Virgin islands to make a thorough study and investigation of the conditions which are alleged to exist there, and upon returning to the United States, make a report of their findings along with recommendations to the proper authorities at Washington."

National Conclave of the Phi Delta Kappas

Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 4.—The national conclave of the Phi Delta Kappa sorority was held at the State college Dec. 27-29. Among the delegates from chapters of the organization were: Mrs. Agnes H. Freeman, national president, Washington, D. C.; Beta chapter; Miss Florence N. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Zeta; Miss Wilhelmina R. Thompson, Columbia, S. C.; Delta; Miss Geneva Cornwell, Columbia, S. C.; Delta; Mrs. Aline M. Sheffield, Camden, N. J.; Eta; Miss Ethel A. Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Gamma; Miss Estelle V. Collins, Washington, D. C.; Beta; Miss Gladys W. Cannon, Jersey City, N. J.; Alpha; Miss Delilah L. Williams, Washington, D. C.; Beta; Mrs. Bertha Pennington, Baltimore, Md.; Gamma; Mrs. A. N. Brown, Institute, W. Va.; Epsilon.

The opening exercises were held in the evening. Welcoming addresses were delivered by Prof. Marrow W. Fort, representing the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and Mrs. M. C. Jones, representing Delta, local chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa. President Wilkinson addressed the group in "The Trend of Education in South Carolina." These addresses were followed by Mrs. Agnes H. Freeman, national president of the sorority. Music was furnished by faculty members of the college and State colleges. The evening was the guest of Delta chapter of the college. Among the entertaining features of the week was a special auto drive through the city and surrounding sections.

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NEGRO SORORITY IN SESSION AT FISK

Delegates from fifty-eight chapters

of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for Negroes, located in many universities and in the larger cities of the United States, are convening at Fisk University from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. The purpose of this group of young college women is the promotion of education and culture among Negro women of America. Pi chapter, located at Fisk University and Alpha Delta Omega chapter, composed of college graduates living in Nashville, are hostesses during the sessions here.

Social affairs are being given by the following sororities and fraternities to entertain the visitors: Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Phi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta. The Negro Board of Trade will take the delegates on a sightseeing tour Sunday.

At the public meeting to be held at Fisk Memorial chapel Sunday Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, one of the leading educators of the South, will deliver the principal address. Mrs. B. Beatrix Scott, who holds a Phi Beta Kappa key from Oberlin, is the national president.

The most outstanding achievement of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for the past year was the awarding of a foreign fellowship of one thousand dollars to Ethel Harris of Washington, D. C., who is now attending the University of Berlin.

OMEGAS SELECT CITY FOR 1929 MEET

Biennial Sessions Recommended To Delegates After That Date

\$1,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Pan-Hellenic Conference Adopts No Definite Plans

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The 1929 Omega Psi Phi college fraternity conclave will go to Baltimore next year. Pittsburgh and Richmond, Va., made a strong bid for it.

James H. Carter, of Morgan College, Baltimore, was elected, grand marshal. His duty is to arrange for the 1929 meeting. The Omegas took the initiative as going on record to have a biennial conclave after 1929. A foreign scholarship of \$1,000 was recommended but a committee was appointed to study the advisability of giving either this \$1,000 scholarship or 10 scholarships of \$100 each annually. A cash balance of more than \$5,000 in the treasury was reported.

Other Events There
Sessions of the Omegas were held at the Walker Casino. Kappa Alpha Psi sessions were held at the

Y. M. C. A. and the Gamma Sigma Rho Sorority at the Y. W. C. A.

Grand officers of the Omegas elected were: J. F. McClain, of Philadelphia, basileus; W. H. Mazzyck, of Washington, D. C., grand keeper of records and seals; S. D. Taylor, grand keeper of finance, Philadelphia; Linwood G. Koger, Baltimore, director of Achievement Week project.

The biggest fights were for the offices of the grand basileus and the grand keeper of finance. Those for basileus post were McClain and J. D. Reid, in charge of the New York Urban League.

For the finance keeper post, Taylor and J. H. Blayton, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the three colored certified public accountants of America.

Pan Hellenic Conference

The Pan-Hellenic Conference, though largely studied and regularly attended, did not reach any definite form. A committee, however, was appointed to bring in plans another year as to how it could best be formed, what should be its program and how it should be financed.

Social Functions

Many social functions were held jointly and separately by the various sororities and fraternities in Indianapolis.

Chaplain M. Carter, of the U. S. A., stationed in Phoenix, Arizona, was the main speaker at a joint meeting held Sunday afternoon by the fraternities and sororities.

Walker Hosts

F. B. Ransome, manager of the Mme. Walker Co., was master of ceremonies.

Indianapolis members of the bar entertained the lawyers attending the fraternities at dinner in the Walker Coffee Pot, Thursday afternoon.

A sightseeing tour through the Walker building was held including the Walker Theatre, one of the finest owned and managed by colored people in the U. S.

ALPHAS CAN'T DECIDE ON 1929 MEET

PHILADELPHIA. — For the first time in the history of Alpha Phi Alpha, the convention closed its sessions without being in a position to announce its next meeting place.

The twenty-first annual conclave was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral adjoined.

Sunday was the opening session held at the Mt. Olive Tabernacle Baptist Church, 42nd and Wallace streets, at this meeting, Bishop James G. Rose, of Dayton, Ohio, was renamed president.

Other officers elected were: Charles W. Greene, Atlanta, Southern vice-president; Robert P. Daniel, Richmond, Eastern vice-president; Theodore Berry, University of

Cincinnati, Western vice-president; Percival Piper, Detroit, General Treasurer; Raymond W. Cannon, Minneapolis, Director, Educational Campaign; William Randolph, University of Pittsburgh; Myles Paige, New York City, lay members of the Executive Council.

A \$1,000 fund was set up from which ten one hundred dollar scholarships will be available to any male or female student, regardless of fraternal affiliations.

A complete history of Alpha Phi Alpha since its establishment at Cornell University up to 1926 has been prepared by Dr. Charles H. W. and is ready for press.

OMEGA PSI PHI TO HOLD NEXT MEETING HERE

Local Delegates Overcome Stiff Opposition From Other Cities

ATTY. KOGER TO HEAD ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

James H. Carter Of Morgan Elected To Office Of Grand Marshal

Overcoming stiff opposition from both Richmond and Pittsburgh, delegates from Baltimore succeeded in bringing the next session of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to this city.

The invitational speech was made by Attorney Linwood G. Koger and seconded by Mr. James H. Carter, of Morgan College. The Fraternity held its seventeenth session at Indianapolis with a number of other Greek Letter organizations.

The Pan-Hellenic conference while eagerly studied and attended, did not reach any definite program but went on record approving such. An executive Committee was named to study plans and offer recommendations for inter-fraternal work.

Many Social Functions

Many social functions were arranged and enjoyed both separately and in conjunction with other attending fraternities. Mr. Charles Carter of Phoenix, Ariz. and a retired Army

Chaplain was among the chief speakers of the joint sessions.

Omega took the lead of other fraternities by going on record of favoring after this year, biennial sessions and elections. It reported unusual progress during the last year having 85 chapters with over three thousand financial members and a reserve fund of over \$5,000.00

Scholarshipss To Be Given

Either one Foreign Scholarship of \$1,000 or ten \$100 scholarships will be announced available in the near future according to plans outlined, a special committee of the executive officers having been apponted to study and decide the more desirable form to suggest. From popular opinion, however the ten scholarships for national study will meet approval of the membership.

Koger Heads Project

The Achievement Week Project will be held again this year with Attorney Koger's suggestion that the Essay Contest be placed under Departments of English. Mr. Koger was again elected to head this project.

Carter Honored

Baltimore had another honor among her grand officers in the elevation of Mr. James H. Carter, of Morgan College, to the place of Grand Marshal. This office carries with it chairmanship of the Arrangement Committee which handles all plans for the annual conclave. Mr. Carter was accompanied by Mrs. Carter who visited friends in Chicago before their return to the city.

Other officers elected in the spirited campaign included Mr. James McClain, of Philadelphia, as Grand Basileus; Attorney Matthew W. Bullock of Boston, Mass., Vice; Attorney Walter H. Mazyck, of Washington, D. C., Keeper of Records and Seal, and Daniel B. Taylor of Washington, D. C., Keeper of Fnnance.

LANE'S ENTERTAIN

Among the social functions held was a party in honor of the Baltimore delegation at the elaborate home of Attorney and Mrs. Russell Lane, being a brother to Attorney Everett formerly of this city and the former E. Lane. Mr. Russell Lane is head of the Department of English of the city of Indianapolis, and his wife, Mrs. Marie Lane, a former teacher in

the public schools of this city, teaches in the elementary system.

OMEGA FRAT HOLDS MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

All Chief Officers Win Re-election

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 11.—What is perhaps the most brilliant conclave ever held by Omega Psi Phi fraternity in point of dispatch of business, social representation of chapters and social features, was brought to a close here Sunday at Bethel M. E. church by a joint public meeting held in conjunction with the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The cooperation of Greek letter societies may be taken as a very healthy sign for the Pan-Hellenic idea. Major Louis Augustus Carter of the U. S. army addressed a large and interested audience on "A Plea for the Suspension of Judgment." This meeting came at the end of a train of social events attendant to the convening of Omega and two other Green letter societies of greater extent and grandeur than any the city of Indianapolis has ever witnessed. The Omega Psi Phi fraternity was entertained very graciously by the local chapters of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the local Omega wives.

But most outstanding was the smoker given at the beautiful Walker Coffee Pot on Wednesday and the Omega Psi Phi closed formal dance given at the Walker Casino. At the smoker there were short and peppy speeches made by members of the supreme council and visiting brothers. A sumptuous repast was served and souvenir cigaret cases were distributed. The smoker ended with the singing of Omega songs. The Omega formal dance was the most successful social event of the week. Beautiful women, made more so by beautiful gowns, together with the very snappy music combined to make the dance one long to be remembered by all those present. Professor Baugh, the grand marshal of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, who had charge of all arrangements for the week, gave Indianapolis and her visitors a week they will long remember.

The business sessions were dispatched with the greatest speed and smoothness of any conclave of record. The fraternity will continue its policy of conducting a national achievement week project. The winners of the 1928 achievement week essay contest were announced. This project is for the purpose of disseminating information concerning our

leaders. This year the supreme council will appoint a committee to advise on the ways and means of giving \$1,000 in scholarships. The fraternity is strongly in favor of the Pan-Hellenic idea. Attorney M. W. Bullock was appointed temporary chairman of the Pan-Hellenic conference committee, which was in session for the two days, Dec. 27 and 28, and which was composed of representatives from the Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho sororities, and from the Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities. On the last day of the conclave it was decided that the next conclave will be held at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27-30, 1929.

The results of the election of national officers of the fraternity for 1929 were J. S. McClain, Philadelphia, who succeeds himself as grand basileus; Matthew W. Bullock, Boston, Mass., to again serve as vice grand basileus; Daniel B. Taylor, Washington, D. C., re-elected grand keeper of finances; S. M. Dodson, Brooklyn, N. Y., was again chosen editor of the Oracle, and J. H. Carter, Baltimore, was elected grand marshal.

Phi Delta Kappas In Orangeburg

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — The National Conclave of the Phi Delta Kappa Sority was held at the State College, December 27-29.

Among the delegates from a number of chapters of the organization were:

Mrs. Agnes H. Freeman, National President, Washington, D. C.; Beta Chapter: Miss Lorena M. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Zeta: Miss Wilhelmina B. Thompson, Columbia, S. C.; Delta: Miss Geneva Brown, Columbia, S. C.; Delta: Mrs. Aline M. Carey, Camden, N. J.; Eta: Miss Ethel A. Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Gamma: Estelle V. Collins, Washington, D. C.; Beta: Miss Gladys V. Cannon, Jersey City, J.; Alpha: Miss Delilah L. Williams, W.ington, D. C.; Beta: Mrs. Bertha Pen-ton, Baltimore, Md.; Gamma: Mrs. Brown, Institute, W. Va.; Epsilon.

Fraternity Pan Hellenic Closes

Greek Letter Bodies Were Guests of Madam C. J. Walker Co.

Associated Negro Press

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3. — College men and women from all sections of the country assembled here last week to attend the Pan-Hellenic Congress and various Greek letter organizations convened.

The annual conventions of the Kappa Alpha Psi and the Omega Psi Phi fraternities were held here and representatives of other organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha, Beta Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were present to attend the interfraternal and sorority congress which was held here at the invitation of the Madame C. J. Walker Manufacturing Co.

The college groups literally took his old town and the Walker Plant, which was thrown open for their inspection, and after the conventions were over the praise of Indianapolis and the Walker management was heard from all sides.

Archie A. Alexander of Des Moines, Iowa, was re-elected Grand Polemarch of the Kappas, George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D. C., Senior vice Grand Polemarch and C. H. Orr, Bloomington, Indiana, junior vice Grand Polemarch. J. Ernest Wilkins, Grand Keeper of Records and Exchequer, and Bristol Myers, strategist, with the following Board of Directors: Dever P. Young, W. H. J. Beckett and M. W. Mitchell.

Next year the Kappas will meet in Durham, N. C., where they will have the opportunity to inspect the many corporations operated by the famous Durham group.

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Our College Fraternities

COLLEGE fraternities have been the butt of severe criticism more frequently than they have been the recipients of just commendation. Their excesses during initiations, resulting too many times in physical injury and always in personal degradation, constitute the chief peg upon which such tirades are hung. Charges of extravagance, meagerness of concrete, progressive results, and even of localized immorality have been reiterated.

Those persons, however, who read recent dispatches recounting the events of the annual conventions of the Greek-letter organizations must have noted several things which stimulated them to reshape their opinions. Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi, the three oldest fraternities, each reported substantial steps embodied in such provisions as large sums set aside for scholarship. In one case, at least, it was emphasized that such scholarships would not be limited to members of the particular fraternity offering them.

Moreover, each of organizations has some week set aside during the year, such as Phi Beta Sigma's "Beta Business Week" and Alpha Phi Alpha's Educational Campaign, for constructive work. No one doubts the value of the idea, and it is fair to believe that the practical

work done is worthy of the inspiration behind the idea.

During the period of establishment of these college fraternities it was unwise to designate the societies as merely social, as so many of those among the other group are. Further than that, they have been obliged to assume the getting propensities of the modern age and formulate some program other than social fellowship, and a program which would bring results that might be "pointed to with pride" in order to lessen the "viewing with alarm."

There is a place for purely social-fraternal groups among our college men. They have other organizations into which they may go and discharge their more significant duties. It is time to cease regarding these fraternities as the incarnation of all that is blatant, cheap, selfish, and ridiculous among the college generation. More effort to see that the fraternities continue wisely to combine their fraternal purposes will be productive of larger benefits to themselves and the people in general.

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NEGROES LEAD K. U. SORORITIES

LAWRENCE, Kas., Oct. 15 (A. P.)—A Negro national sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, led the sororities at the University of Kansas in scholarship during the 1928-29 school year, George C. Foster, University Registrar, revealed today.

Sorority at Kansas U.

And U. of Minnesota

Leads in Scholarship

LAWRENCE, Kas. — Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at the University of Kansas led all women's social sororities on the campus in scholarship last year, according to a report made public Tuesday by George O. Foster, registrar.

Lead Also at Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, for the third consecutive year, leads all the sororities at the University of Minnesota in scholarship, having the highest average on the campus for the year 1928-29, according to averages made public by the registrar. Omega Psi Phi was third highest in scholarship among all the fraternities, with Kappa Alpha Psi at the bottom of the list. Last year, however, Kappa Alpha Psi was second highest among the fraternities in scholarship.

YOUNG ELECTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL SIGMA DELTA CHI

Norfolk Student One of Four
At Ohio University To Re-
ceive Highest Honor

By JOHN FUSTER

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 27—Highest honors for student journalists have been awarded to P. Bernard Young jr. thru his election this week by the National Council of Sigma Delta Chi honor and professional journalism fraternity, as one of the four seniors at Ohio State University to receive along with other select groups from 30 American universities, the National Scholarship Award and key annually awarded by the society.

Young last fall was made Managing Editor of the Ohio State Daily Lantern, adjudged recently the best college daily in the country.

Sigma Delta Chi has the same ranking in journalism as Beta Kappa has in liberal arts.

The scholarship award committee is composed of Roy L. French, director of the Journalism School, University of Southern California; James A. Stuart, Managing Editor of the Indianapolis Daily Star; and Charles E. Snyder, Managing Editor of the Chicago Daily Drovers Journal. Nominations are made by the faculties of universities having chapters of the honor fraternity.

W. P. Beazell of the New York World is honorary national president of Sigma Delta Chi and Robert B. Tarr of the Pontiac (Mich.) Press is national president.

Young is the first Negro student to be so honored by the society. He is the son of the Editor and Mrs. P. B. Young, of the Norfolk Journal and Guide.